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SUMMARY.

Although the revolt in St. Petersburg appears to have subsided, great strikes with considerable violence are proceeding at Warsaw, Lodz, and Riga.

At both Warsaw and Lodz there are 100,000 strikers. The police stopped a meeting of socialists, of whom several were killed and wounded.

The strikes are spreading. At Riga 60,000 employees are out, and on Thursday a disturbance resulted in 42 deaths and 50 severe injuries.

Others at Riga when escaping across the ice were drowned. Labour leaders are inciting the men to strike.

At St. Petersburg the stress of circumstances is compelling many of those idle to return to work.

The Czar is said to have expressed profound astonishment when he heard of the St. Petersburg massacres. He ordered the release of some of the prisoners.

In a Government proclamation satisfaction is promised to the demands of the population. Reforms are to follow the return of tranquility.

It is regarded as significant that two regiments of Don Cossacks have been ordered to St. Petersburg.

The Moscow Municipal Council has resolved to ask that arms be not used against women and children, and that workmen should have permission to organise peaceful strikes.

Some of the strikers are achieving success. Chemists' assistants have been conceded a working day of eight hours.

In the French Chamber of Deputies the socialists made a demonstration hostile to Russia, crying. "Down with the Czar!" and "Down with assassins!"

M. Delcasse rebuked the socialists, and defended the alliance with Russia.

The Acting Prefect of Police at Moscow admits that the placards accusing Great Britain with financing the strikers were merely posted to gain time.

He offered the British Consul personal satisfaction for any insult he might feel on the question.

The Railway Commissioners have addressed to the Premier an important minute on the question of construction of locomotives. The merits of local construction are adversely criticised.

It is pointed out that the offer from James Martin and Co., of South Australia, to construct 120 engines for £631,200 is £1236 2s 6d per engine higher than the American tender recently accepted for 20 locomotives.

Had the American and British tenders been for 120 engines instead of for 20, the Commissioners assume that the South Australian price would have been proportionately much higher.

The minute shows the rate at which Australian manufacture of locomotives would probably proceed, and estimates the amount of labour employed.

Summing up the situation, the Commissioners most strongly advocate a continuation of the policy of purchasing locomotives in open market.

To save working expenses on the railways the Commissioners urge the cutting down of gradients on existing lines. The alternative to such a measure will, says the report, be increased fares and freights, and possibly lower wages.

In a minute attached to the report the Premier points out that the tender of the Clyde works for 60 engines would be £162,780 in excess of the price of the Baldwin Company.

At a special meeting of the Iron Trades Council a resolution was adopted expressing regret at the action of the Premier in relation to the locomotive question.

Discussing the recent trouble at Newcastle the Attorney-General expressed the opinion that in the event of organised resistance to the Arbitration Act the gaols would become too small for the offenders.

Mr. Wade added that if the general provisions of an Act could not be enforced then the Act was merely waste paper.

The Anglican churches throughout the State yesterday commemorated the 117th anniversary of the first divine service held in Australia.

At St. Philips the Bible and book of common prayer used yesterday were those from which the first service was conducted.

Special sermons preached in the leading churches of the city were very pessimistic in tone, the vices of city life being particularly emphasised.

An additional case of plague is reported from Ulmarra, the patient being a girl of 16 years. One of the sufferers in Grafton Hospital has died.

In consequence of plague-infected rats having been found on Woodlark Island vessels arriving in Sydney from there have to undergo fumigation.

The Government proposes to spend about £2000 in constructing roads to make available the 45,... acres of land to be thrown open for selection in the northern rivers districts.

In the opinion of the Minister for Lands there are additional areas, amounting to 250,000 acres, on the northern rivers which can be thrown open for settlement at an early date.

Attention is also being given by the Minister for Lands to the possibilities of settling the Pilliga scrub lands, which embrace an area of 1,800,000 acres. The country is to be surveyed and the soil analysed.

Beautiful weather favoured the opening of the interstate sailing carnival on the Sydney Harbour on Saturday. A great crowd witnessed the racing.

Queensland secured the 14-footers championship with the Violet, but the Crescent retrieved the position for New South Wales by winning the championship for 10-footers.

Members of the Australian Eleven will leave for England via New Zealand on Wednesday. Six matches will be played in New Zealand.

It has been decided that in the event of Windsor and Saunders being sent to England by their respective supporters they will only be asked to play for Australia in the event of the incapacitation of members of the selected team.

From England the death is announced of William Rignold, the noted actor, famous in Australia for his impersonation of Falstaff.

At Ardglen railway station on Saturday night Mr. G. Brooks, the night officer, was run over by a goods train and severely crushed. His left arm has been amputated.

While cycling at Gundagai "Lieutenant" Jones, of the Salvation Army, collided with another cyclist, and received injuries from which he has since died.

The Government has resolved to expend £50,000 to carry out the remodelling scheme within the Rocks area.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Metropolitan Gas Company in Melbourne, it was stated that the recent strike in the coal trade had not cost shareholders a penny.

Mr. W. P. Crick, M.L.A., will not offer himself as Chairman of Committees next session. It is expected that Messrs. J. H. Cann and T. Jessep will be candidates.

A number of accidents are reported from the Maitland collieries. Louis Burns, a filler, had one leg fractured.

At the Australasian Swimming Championship held in Melbourne on Saturday, Healy, of this State, won the hundred yards and Keran the half-mile.

Healy covered the hundred yards in 57s, which is equal to the world's record.

At the annual championship carnival of the Balmain Swimming Club on Saturday the Western District championship was won by R. R. Craig.

The Prince Alfred Yacht Club's race on Saturday for Commodore Hordern's Cup was won easily by the Cooya.

At the anniversary meeting of the Sydney Turf Club on Saturday the Challenge Stakes was won by Mr. A. Foley's Fashoda, a 6 to 1 chance.

The mining market was fairly active on Saturday. Broken Hill shares were stationary, and local gold stocks quiet.

Business in the Stock and Share market was quiet.

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MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, Transhipping to Port Pirie. FREMANTLE, Transhipping for PERTH, Geraldton, and North-west Ports. — MAGNIFICENT NEW STEAMSHIP KANOWNA, 7000 tons, Twin Screws, Deck Cabins, WEDNESDAY, 2 p.m., FEB. 1. The largest and most up-to-date steamship trading in the States, carrying First and Second Saloon and Steerage Passengers. Inspection invited. Early application for Berths necessary.

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TRIAL BAY.—Kallatina, To-morrow, 9 p.m.
MANNING RIVER.—Electra, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
PORT MACQUARIE.—Rosedale, To-morrow, 3 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Rosedale, To-morrow, 3 p.m.
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28th January, 1905.

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4.30 "	4.0 "	12.30 p.m	12 noon
5.30 "	5.0 "	1.30 "	1 p.m.
6.30 "	6.0 "	2.30 "	2 "
8.30 "	7.30 "	3.30 "	3 "
9.30 "	9.0 "	4.30 "	4 "
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		6.30 "	6 "
		7.30 "	7 "
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ANNIVERSARY DAY,
and consequently "ALL THE WORLD AND HIS WIFE" have gone PICNICKING.
Not wishing to be OUT OF THE FASHION, the ONLY UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS ARE DOING LIKEWISE.

RE THE BONNY SCOT
who was charged CUSTOMS DUTY on a SPRIG OF HEATHER. A CORRESPONDENT, evidently a COMPATRIOT of THE VICTIM, points out that ONE SHILLING AND TWOPENCE was paid, not ONE HALFPENNY, as stated in our advertisement. This makes matters WORSE FOR "SANDY," and he would be within the mark if he said "BANG GOES A SAXPENCE." We much regret that our BUSINESS RELATIONS with THE CUSTOMS MAKE IT AWKWARD for us to do as our correspondent DESIRES, namely, to

"DENOUNCE THE CUSTOMS,"
though WE AGREE WITH HIM that they richly deserve it.

CLOCKS AND BRONZE ORNAMENTS.

	Usual Price. s d	Reduced to. s d
400 Nickel Alarm Clocks	2 2 ..	1 11
200 American Gun Metal Alarm Clocks	5 0 ..	4 6
3 Fancy Gilt Clocks, with Jewels, 8-day time	33 6 ..	28 6
2 Antique Hanging Oak Hall Clocks, with weights, 8-day, half-hour Cathedral Gong strike	100 0 ..	75 0
1 Antique Hanging Oak Hall Clock, with weights	£9 15 0 ..	£8 10 6
1 Antique Standing Oak Hall Clock, with weights, 8-day, half-hour Cathedral Gong strike	£23 5 0 ..	£21 0 0
1 Ansonia Iron Clock, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	52 0 ..	40 0
2 Ansonia Marble Clocks, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	86 6 ..	65 0
1 Ansonia Marble Clock, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	37 6 ..	30 0
1 Ansonia Marble Clock, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	47 6 ..	40 0
1 Ansonia Marble Clock, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	80 0 ..	65 0
3 French Marble Clocks, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	90 0 ..	75 0
3 French Marble Clocks, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	80 0 ..	65 0
2 French Marble Clocks, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	£5 10 0 ..	£5 10 0
2 French Marble Clocks, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	87 6 ..	75 0
2 French Marble Clocks, 8-day, Cathedral Gong strike	73 6 ..	62 6
1 French Marble Clock, 8-day time piece	32 0 ..	27 6
6 Bronze Figures, Boar Hunter ..	33 6 ..	28 6
4 Bronze Figures, Newton	17 0 ..	13 0
3 Bronze Figures, Shakespeare	18 6 ..	15 0
2 pair Bronze Figures, Harmony, pair	34 0 ..	30 0
1 pair Bronze Figures, Faust and Marguerite .... pair	85 0 ..	70 0
1 pair Bronze Pitchers .... pair	31 0 ..	27 6

TEA TRAYS, CRUMB SETS, BELLS, etc.

	Usual Price. s d	Reduced to. s d
36 Japanned Iron Tea Trays, oval, 12in .... each	1 3 ..	1 0
24 Japanned Iron Tea Trays, oval, 18in .... each	2 0 ..	1 9
24 Japanned Iron Tea Trays, oval, 20in .... each	2 6 ..	2 0
24 Japanned Iron Tea Trays, oval, 22in .... each	2 9 ..	2 3
36 Japanned Iron Tea Trays, oval, 24in .... each	3 0 ..	2 6
24 Japanned Iron Tea Trays, oval, 26in .... each	3 9 ..	3 0
36 Japanned Iron Tea Trays, oval, 28in .... each	4 3 ..	3 6
30 pair Japanese Tea Trays, round, 12in .... pair	1 9 ..	1 6
48 Papier Mache Bread Trays	1 3 ..	1 0
48 Sets Japanned Iron Crumb Trays and Brushes .... set	1 11 ..	1 6
30 Papier Mache Crumb Trays and Brushes .... set	5 3 ..	4 0
36 Papier Mache Crumb Trays and Brushes .... set	6 0 ..	4 6
30 Papier Mache Crumb Trays and Brushes .... set	6 9 ..	5 0
24 Papier Mache Crumb Brushes	2 2 ..	1 9
24 Papier Mache Crumb Brushes	3 3 ..	2 6
30 Carved Wood Bread Platters	5 0 ..	4 0
72 pair Wood Salad Servers .... pair	— ..	0 2
72 Nickel Call Bells	0 9 ..	0 6
48 Nickel Call Bells	1 0 ..	0 9
12 Nickel Call Bells	3 0 ..	2 6
12 Nickel Call Bells	2 8 ..	2 0

ELECTROPLATED CUTLERY.
IN SILK-LINED CASES.

	Usual Price. s d	Reduced to s d
Half-dozen Table and Dessert Knives, pair Carvers and Steel, Ivory handles .... case	72 0 ..	62 6
One Dozen Table and Dessert Knives, pair each Meat and Game Carvers and Steel, Xylonite handle	67 0 ..	57 6
Half-dozen Table and Dessert Knives, pair each Meat and Game Carvers and Steel, Xylonite handles, half-dozen each E.P. Table and Dessert Forks, half-dozen Tea Spoons, Two Table Spoons, pair Salt Cellars and Spoons, pair Knife Rests	£6 10s..	£5 10s
Half-dozen Table and Dessert Knives, pair each Meat and Game Carvers and Steel, Ivory handles, half-dozen each E.P. A1 Table and Dessert Forks, half-dozen each, Table, Dessert, Tea, and Egg Spoons, Jam Spoon, one each Gravy and Soup Ladles, Sugar Spoon and Tongs, Butter Knife, two Sauce Ladles, etc.	£14 15s..	£12 12s
Pair Meat Carvers and Steel, Ivory handles	33 6 ..	27 6
Pair Meat Carvers and Steel, Ivory handles	40 0 ..	36 0
Pair Meat Carvers and Steel, Stag-horn handles	42 6 ..	37 6
Pair each Meat and Game Carvers and Steel, Ivory handles	90 0 ..	75 0
6 pairs E.P. Dessert Knives and Forks, Pearl handles	46 6 ..	40 0
6 pairs E.P. Dessert Knives and Forks, Pearl handles	60 0 ..	50 0
6 pairs E.P. Dessert Knives and Forks, Pearl handles	52 6 ..	45 0
6 pairs E.P. Dessert Knives and Forks, Ivory handles	42 6 ..	37 6
6 pairs E.P. Fish Knives and Forks, Pearl handles	52 6 ..	45 0
6 pairs E.P. Fish Knives and Forks, Ivory handles	40 0 ..	36 0
Pair E.P. Grape Scissors	10 9 ..	9 6
Half-doz. Afternoon Tea Spoons and pair Sugar Tongs	24 6 ..	20 0
Half-doz. Afternoon Tea Spoons and pair Sugar Tongs	21 6 ..	18 6
Half-doz. Afternoon Tea Spoons, pair Sugar Tongs, Butter Knife, and Jam Spoon	25 0 ..	21 0
Half-doz. Afternoon Tea Spoons, pair Sugar Tongs, Sugar Spoon, and Sifter	36 0 ..	30 0
Pair Fish Carvers, Ivory handles ..	21 0 ..	18 6
Bread Knife and Fork, Ivory handles	24 0 ..	20 0
Butter Knife, Jam Spoon, and Pickle Fork	21 0 ..	18 6

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

	Usual Price. s d	Reduced to s d
10 E.P. Mounted Cut Glass Biscuit Barrels, each	24 0 ..	20 0
6 E.P. Mounted China Biscuit Barrels, each	19 6 ..	16 6
9 E.P. Mounted China Biscuit Barrels, each	22 6 ..	18 6
6 E.P. Cake Baskets, on Nickel Silver, each	30 0 ..	25 0
6 E.P. Cake Baskets, on Nickel Silver, each	35 0 ..	30 0
3 E.P. Cake Baskets, on Nickel Silver, each	37 6 ..	30 0
3 E.P. Cake Baskets, on Nickel Silver, each	50 0 ..	45 0
11 China Cake or Fruit Plates, with E.P. Handle, each	10 6 ..	7 6
12 China Cake or Fruit Plates, with E.P. Handle, each	8 6 ..	6 6
6 E.P. Plate Handles, each	6 6 ..	5 0
5 E.P. Mounted China Salad Bowls and Servers, each	36 0 ..	30 0
4 E.P. Mounted Cut Glass Salad Bowls and Servers, each	46 6 ..	40 0
5 E.P. Mounted Oak Wood Salad Bowls and Servers, each	33 6 ..	28 6
7 E.P. Combination Breakfast Cruet, Toast Rack, Butter Plate and Knife, and 2 Egg Cups and Spoons, each	50 0 ..	45 0
3 E.P. Biscuit, Butter, and Cheese Stands, each	42 0 ..	36 0
4 E.P. Tea and Coffee Sets, 4 pieces, set	85 0 ..	75 0
5 E.P. Tea and Coffee Sets, 4 pieces, set	132 6 ..	120 0
4 E.P. Tea Pots, prettily chased, each	32 0 ..	27 6
4 E.P. Tea Pots, prettily chased, each	37 0 ..	32 0
4 E.P. Sugar Basins, prettily chased, each	22 0 ..	18 6
4 E.P. Sugar Basins, prettily chased, each	24 0 ..	21 0
6 E.P. Sugar Basins, prettily chased, each	33 4 ..	28 6
6 E.P. Cream Jugs, prettily chased, each	25 0 ..	21 0
4 E.P. Tilting Kettles and Stands, prettily chased, each	52 0 ..	47 6
2 E.P. Tilting Kettles and Stands, prettily chased, each	87 6 ..	80 0
3 E.P. Tilting Kettles and Stands, prettily chased, each	117 6 ..	110 0
1 E.P. Sugar and Cream Stand, with 2 China Fruit or Cake Plates, each	70 0 ..	60 0

ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS,
ONLY UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS,
HAYMARKET (ONLY).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

ANNIVERSARY DAY.

TO-DAY,
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1905.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations to all stations, by all trains, available for return for one calendar month from date of issue.

CHEAP TICKETS at 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 2s), and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1s), will be issued by the trains leaving Sydney at 7.30 a.m. for Nowra; 7.38 a.m. for Wollongong; 8 a.m. for Bundanoon; 8.5 a.m. for Newcastle; 7.50 and 8.10 a.m. for Mt. Victoria; 8.25 a.m. for Eskbank; to and from all stations at which the trains are shown to call.

These tickets will be available for return within one calendar month from date of issue.

EXCURSION TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.
Trains will leave Sydney at 9.10 and 9.18 a.m. Connecting train will leave Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. On Wednesday next Excursion will also be made by train leaving Sydney at 9.5 a.m.
The River Trip will occupy about five hours.
RETURN FARES from Sydney and Suburban Stations (including Steamer Trip): First-class, 5s 6d; Second-class, 3s 6d.
REFRESHMENTS can be obtained on board the steamer at reasonable rates.
EXCURSION TO PARKESVALE (George's River), via COMO.
Combined Rail and Steamer Tickets will be issued by all trains leaving Sydney for Como up to 11.30 a.m., but steamer will leave Como at 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. only. Twenty-four miles by rail, 16 miles by steamer.
RETURN FARES from Sydney (including steamer trip): First-class, 2s 3d; Second-class, 1s 6d.
REFRESHMENTS can be obtained on the Ground.

COMO AND NATIONAL PARK.
The maximum return fares from Sydney, Eveleigh, and intermediate Illawarra Suburban Stations (including the Belmore line) to Mortdale, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus, and National Park, will not exceed 1s 6d first-class and 1s second-class, available for return on day of issue only. A frequent train service will be given to the stations named.

ADDITIONAL AND ALTERED TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.
In addition to the ordinary service and the Cheap Trains shown above, Special Country Trains will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m. for Gosford, 9.30 a.m. for Kiama, 8 p.m. for Nowra, 9.5 p.m. for Camden, Cooma, and Crookwell lines, 4.57 p.m. for Richmond, 11.27 p.m. for Richmond and Mt. Victoria.

The 6.50 a.m. train from LIVERPOOL to GRANVILLE WILL NOT RUN.
The 6.40 a.m. Express Train, MT. VICTORIA to SYDNEY, WILL NOT RUN.
The 11.25 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday Train, Granville to Liverpool (10.30 p.m. ex Sydney), WILL RUN.
The 3.2 p.m. train, Newcastle to Sydney, WILL NOT call at Woy Woy and Hawkesbury River.
ALTERED RUNNING OF SUBURBAN TRAINS.—On the Main Suburban and Illawarra Suburban lines several of the early morning trains will be CANCELLED. Full particulars are announced on handbills.

CAMDEN TRAMWAY.
A Special Tram, connecting with the 9.5 p.m. train ex Sydney, will leave Campbelltown at 10.10 p.m., due Camden at 10.40 p.m.

For the convenience of passengers wishing to return to Sydney in time for business on TUESDAY, Jan. 31, trains will leave Nowra at 4.35 a.m., Goulburn at 5.0 a.m., Gosford at 6.30 a.m., and Mt. Victoria at 5.40 a.m.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS.
The Goods Shed at Alexandria will be CLOSED, but Darling Harbour and Sydney Goods will be OPEN until 10 a.m. for the delivery of perishables only.
The Goods Sheds at all other Stations will be CLOSED except for the receipt and delivery of perishables.
The CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney, will be OPEN until 10.0 a.m. only.
For particulars of additional trains, etc., see handbills and posters, obtainable from all stationmasters.

BERRY SHOW,
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 1, 2, and 3.
HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to Berry at SYDNEY, NOWRA, and INTERMEDIATE STATIONS, commencing on TUESDAY, JAN. 31, and thereafter by trains timed to arrive at Berry up to 12.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, FEB. 3, available for return until SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 1905.
CHEAP TICKETS at Single Fare for the Return Journey (minimum 2s first-class, and 1s second) will be issued TO BERRY by the undermentioned trains available for return until SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 1905, viz.:—
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1:
At Sydney and intermediate stations, by 8.30 a.m. Ordinary Train from Sydney.
At Nowra, by Ordinary Train leaving that station at 6.55 a.m.
THURSDAY, FEB. 2:
At Sydney, Para Meadow, and intermediate stations by Ordinary Train leaving Sydney at 8.30 a.m.
At Wollongong and intermediate stations by Special Train leaving Wollongong at 9.45 a.m.
At Kiama and intermediate stations by Special Train leaving Kiama at 10.5 a.m.
At Nowra, by Special Train leaving that station at 10.40 a.m.
FRIDAY, FEB. 3:
At Kiama and intermediate stations by Special Train leaving Kiama at 10.15 a.m., and at Wollongong and intermediate stations by ordinary train leaving Wollongong at 11.2 a.m.
At Nowra by Special Train leaving that station at at 8.45 a.m., and also by ordinary train leaving Nowra at 1.40 p.m.
On TUESDAY, JAN. 31, a Special Train conveying Exhibits will leave Sydney at 9 a.m. from Horse Dock Platform and calling at certain stations. Passengers may also travel by this train to Berry at Holiday Excursion rates.
On THURSDAY and FRIDAY, FEB. 2 and 3, a Special Service of trains will be run between Wollongong, Kiama, Nowra, and Berry.
For full particulars see handbills.
By order of the Commissioners.
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

ANNIVERSARY DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 30.

Workmen's Fares will be cancelled on all lines.
Improved Services will be run on Abbotsford, Enfield-Burwood-Mortlake, Coogee, Kogarah-Sans Souci, Ocean-street, Watson's Bay, and North Sydney lines.
BAULKHAM HILLS LINE.—Hourly Service between Parramatta and Baulkham Hills, 9.16 a.m. to 7.16 p.m., thence as shown for Saturdays.
LA PEROUSE LINE.—Half-hourly Service from Bent-street, 9.5 a.m. to 7.5 p.m., then 8.35 and 11.20 p.m.
LONG BAY LINE.—Half-hourly Service from Bent-street, 9.5 a.m. to 7.5 p.m., then 8.35, 9.20, and 11.20 p.m.
WAVERLEY-RANDWICK LINE.—Trams will run direct from Albion-street to Coogee between 7.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

VICTORIA v NEW SOUTH WALES, AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.—A Special Service will be run to the Cricket Ground from Circular Quay and the Railway Institute, commencing at 10.40 a.m.

RANDWICK RACES.—A frequent Service will be run to the Racecourse from Circular Quay and the Railway Institute, commencing at 11 a.m. The First-class tram will not run.
Return Fare:—By special tram (including admittance to the course), 1s 6d. Single tickets will not be issued by special trams on the outward journey.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY at AGRICULTURAL GROUND.—A frequent Service will be run to the Agricultural Ground from Circular Quay and the Railway Institute, commencing at 6.50 p.m.
By order of the Commissioners.
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

MEETINGS

L.O.L. OF N.S.W.—GRAND LODGE MEETINGS will be held as under:—
TUESDAY, Jan. 31st, 1905: Nomination of Officers.
TUESDAY, Feb. 7th, 1905: Election by Ballot.
TUESDAY, Feb. 14, 1905: Installation of Officers.
A. J. S. GILCHRIST, G.S.

PETERSHAM CHORISTERS.—Practices 2.40 and 7 p.m., Centenary Hall.

TEN Sterling Shop Sites, Mosman, Saturday Next (see Auct. Col.). Hardie and Gorman.

AMUSEMENTS.

ANNIVERSARY DAY, MONDAY, 30th.
NELSON'S STEAMERS leave Fort Macquarie, E. side Circular Quay, every 20 MINUTES from 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m., for BALMORAL BEACH, PEARL BAY, and BANTRY BAY. Concert on 8 p.m. trip. DANCING at PEARL BAY FREE till 9.45. Last trip from Balmoral 10 p.m. Hot and cold water, see-saws, merry-go-rounds, swings, etc., etc., all free. No second charge by this line. This is without doubt the longest, cheapest, and prettiest route for an enjoyable holiday.
RETURN FARE, BALMORAL 6d, PEARL BAY 9d.

ALL your Old Metal Ware can be made new at small cost. Spoons, Forks, Piano Sconces, Chandeliers, etc. Send them to HOLDSWORTH, MACPHERSON, and CO., 254 George-street, Sydney.

STEAMER KIAORA leaves L. R. Beach TO-DAY, for Kurnell Park. Frequent Intervals. 1s, chil. 6d.

INSPECT TENNYSON LAND TO-DAY. Two Salesmen will be there. Rickard's easy terms.

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Good Refreshment Rooms in the grounds.
Open 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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THE BOX PLAN
for To-night and during the week will be on view in the Vestibule of the Theatre, Pitt-street,
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BAUMANN'S CAFE,
162 PITT-STREET, next City Bank,
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Conservatory, Richborough Lodge, Kensington.
THE CIRCUS GALLERY.
Aerial Act by W. Cartini.
BOX PLANS for THIS EVENING will be on view in the Dress Circle entrance, Castlereagh-street, from 9 a.m. EARLY-DOOR TICKETS at KLEISDORFF'S and FAVA'S. Children in arms not admitted.
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Full Lectures at 3 and 8 p.m., with Effects, Cinematograph, Illusions, Music, Tattooed Man, etc.
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An Immense Hit. The Child of the Plains,
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The Champion Lady Rifle and Pistol Shot, assisted by the Human Target, CARLOS.
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All parents and children should see this Child Marvel.
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From No. 6 Jetty, Circular Quay (foot of Pitt-street).
ANNIVERSARY DAY, 30th JANUARY, 1905.
HOLIDAY TIME-TABLE.
To all Wharves as far as WOOLWICH and HUNTER'S HILL.—7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0x, 10.30, 11.0*x, 12.0x, 12.30, 1.0x, 1.30, 2.0*x, 2.30, 3.0*x, 3.30, 4.0x, 5.15, 5.45x, 6.15, 7.0x, 8.0, 9.15, 10.0, 10.30, 11.30.
As far as GALDESVILLE and RYDE.—7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0, 10.30, 11.0*, 12.0, 12.30, 1.0, 1.30, 2.0*, 2.30, 3.0*, 3.30, 4.0, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7.0, 8.0, 9.15§, 10.0, 10.30, 11.30.
As far as PARRAMATTA.—7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0, 10.30, 11.0*, 12.0, 1.0, 1.30, 2.0*, 2.30, 3.0*, 4.0, 5.15, 7.0.
*Fast trips will only call at Long Nose Point, Woolwich, Drummoyne, Hunter's Hill, Abbotsford, Gladesville, Ryde, and then all wharves to Parramatta.
§NOTE.—The 9.15 p.m. trip from Sydney on Week-Days and Holidays calls at all wharves as far as Mortlake; returning at 10.16 p.m.
x NOTE.—These trips do not call at Cockatoo.
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FARM AND STATION.

THE GRADING CONTROVERSY.

Compulsory grading of dairy produce is a very live subject in the coastal districts just now. So good is the case in favour that, although the post-office as a means of distributing circulars has been sedulously used to burk discussion by those who have excellent reasons of their own for opposing reform and progress in the industry, it is shaking the most dogged opponents. Just now the people most interested seem to be divided into Government graders, graders, and anti-graders. For a long time those who have always assumed the right to do the farmer's thinking and form his opinions managed to dismiss the subject by describing it as a preposterous theory propounded by certain men whose characters were not what they should be, and who had no practical knowledge of the subject. This sort of thing still helps to keep some producers from understanding what the regulation of the industry means, but its influence is waning. If farmers will make a slight alteration in the usual statement used by the most active opponents of grading they will arrive at the truth. Thus when a special pleader who, according to his own account, is overwhelmed on contemplating the terrible things that would happen to the farmer if grading were introduced, is denouncing the system, the farmer need only change the application of the pronouns "you" and "me" to have the case put correctly. "See what an awful thing this grading would be for you" says the kind adviser of the producer. If the producer takes up the sentence, and substitutes "me" for the last word, making the adviser say "See what an awful thing this grading will be for me," he will be on the right track to the knowledge of what is best for his own interests.

Many who have a grip of the wonderful results achieved by New Zealand through State control and grading, and an insight into the true inwardness of the keep-the-farmer-in-the-dark policy which has prevailed here, are for State grading straight out. Others who have grown anxious because New South Wales export butter continues to realise lower prices than Victorian, which in turn is lower than the New Zealand make, are convinced that grading would be the salvation of the industry. The insidious influence of the opposition which never comes out in the open has, however, raised doubts in their minds that the simple system which has been easily and effectively worked in another country could not safely be entrusted to a State department in New South Wales. The anti-graders are those who mostly have been deprived of opportunities of learning what are the actual effects of grading and those who have excellent personal reasons for opposing any measures which would open up the manufacture, sale, and export of butter to the light of day, so that the good article would realise its true value and the bad become a rod to whip those responsible for its existence. The time is coming when the opponent of grading will be looked upon with suspicion, but the people have not yet grasped the situation in all its bearings, and the system may still be safely attacked from under cover, though few dare to strike at it from the public platform or the public press. At the Kiama show last week the three sections were represented, as they are all along the coast. When the Governor, in referring to the butter export trade, claimed that legislation was necessary, the announcement caused a great stir, and the ruling controversy broke out again immediately. Argument was carried on, and opinions expressed in low tones while his Excellency was concluding his speech. Subsequently Mr. John James, a leading dairy farmer and cattle breeder, made a well-timed reference to the subject when proposing Sir Harry Rawson's health. Mr. James congratulated the Governor on the deep interest he had evinced in the affairs of the producers, and remarked that the speech was most interesting, because of the reference to the grading question. Mr. James declared that either grading must come or New South Wales must stay behind. He emphasised the point that whether the grading was to be done by the Government or its individual, all the same the system must arrive. This very clearly expresses the attitude of those who have tested and exploded the outrageous fictions which have been circulated against grading, and are as yet not prepared to leave the regulation of the industry in the hands of the Government. It is admitted, however, that if no other power will undertake the necessary reform the Government must do its duty to the producers, and in introducing the new legislation safeguard a great and increasing industry by following the advice of Sir Harry Rawson, and maintaining an ever-increasing hold on the export market.

In the past the class which has assumed control has bitterly opposed not only State regulation and branding, but the principle of grading and sending away produce under its true colours. When it was found that a private deputation could not dissuade Mr. Kidd from going on with his Dairy Bill, which provided for compulsory grading, the services of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce were enlisted on statements to the effect that the measure would be an unwarrantable interference with private enterprise. What assertions or arguments the representatives of that body brought to bear on the Minister could not be ascertained, for the deputation was received in secret, and the proceedings were never reported. It is quite plain, however, that the class which resorted to these desperate measures to prevent its control being loosened plunged for allowing the industry to drift along as it is doing at present. That is, indeed, the avowed object of the anti-graders. In these circumstances, it is clear that there is not a ray of hope that the grading and marking of butter with the grader's stamp will ever be undertaken unless a Government be found to carry out the scheme. The graders who are afraid to trust a Government department should remember a few things which we may be sure were not mentioned when those deputations waited on Mr. Kidd. Instead of proving an interference with private enterprise, State grading and marking has enormously stimulated trade, and especially honest trade, in countries where it has been introduced. So thoroughly is the value of the system recognised that requests for the State stamp are frequently received in Sydney with orders for produce. Retribution overtakes the dishonest or incompetent grader very quickly, for there is no escaping the consequences of putting a brand on perishable produce that is not warranted by the quality. Yet in the course of several years' experience in New Zealand, where butter is graded at a number of ports, there has been no trouble, and everybody concerned is satisfied that the best interests of the industry have been advanced beyond all expectation.

TREATMENT OF INFERIOR LANDS.

Mr. John Brunton writes:—In your issue of the 24th inst. you publish a communication and a reference to existing conditions of lands in the North-western, Central, and Western Divisions on either side of the Barwon, and the Ministerial refusal to make some inquiry into the facts to consider a uniformity of rental. Would you permit me to draw special public attention to other areas in the State, even in the Eastern Division, which require special consideration, or otherwise they will drift into useless and waste lands beyond recovery, and become a menace to existing settlers, and a home for the breeding of all the noxious pests imaginable. When the Western Division Crown Lands Act was passed it was to try and remedy existing conditions, and prevent, if possible, an abandonment of Crown lands by giving long leases at fair rentals. The Crown Lands Act of 1895 also made provision for granting long leases (28 years) over inferior country where large sums of money were required for improvement to deal with scrub and other noxious growth. And the Crown Lands Act of 1903 made provision for an extension of existing leases up to 28 years of one-third of the total area. The present Minister for Lands seems averse to accepting any responsibility for granting reasonably long leases, provided for by Parliament, over country which is absolutely unfitted for settlement, and which can only be occupied and profitably employed after a heavy expenditure in ringing and scrubbing, and which no reasonable tenant would carry out on any short tenure.

I would first draw attention to the Minister's attitude with regard to the extension of leases under the 18th section, wherein he seems to draw no distinction between good and bad lands, and totally disregards the recommendation of the local land board and the reports of his own official staff, as well as the decision of the Land Appeal Court, by fixing a stereotyped clause in the conditions for a resumption of the whole or any part after the expiration of 10 years—afraid, perhaps, that his Ministry may offend some Labour member. His reply might be that if the land is not required for settlement purposes it will not be resumed. We have heard that story too often to believe it. Land agents requiring work, mortgagees requiring additional security, will find ample means by agitation, and through some member of Parliament, to urge a cause, however dishonest in purpose. What we now know of the requirements for closer settlement are the very best lands with rainfall or river facilities for irrigation, where farming in its higher grades can be carried on; not the rough scrub lands amongst the hills, with very inferior soils and the worst of grasses, only fit for grazing at best, and when fully improved with a capacity of a sheep to five acres, or a grown beast to 25 acres. This inferior country is, I contend, not fitted for settlement, even if people in their greed for land will take it up. At best they will only pick the eyes out of it, and leave the rest, possibly getting occupation of it for nothing. However, it is too costly to improve, and cannot be worked profitably except in large areas by men of means. Surely the Crown should profit by past experience, and work their inferior lands to the best advantage, as does an ordinary business man.

Let me mention one case in point out of the past, from many, before drawing attention to other similar lands now requiring special treatment. Conapaira, near the south-western railway line, and close to Whitton. The lessees, when the runs were divided and an extension of lease was granted, immediately started improving, and spent £11,000 in ringing and scrubbing, and at the same time made representations to the Government offering to spend £15,000 on the occupation license if they got 15 years' lease. The Crown had a special inspection made, which was favourable to the scheme. When it was made known publicly the Assembly was scared with the wild statement that it was all good agricultural lands, and would be selected. The scheme fell through, the license was abandoned, and some 100,000 acres of land were thrown on the hands of the Crown for which the Crown did not receive one penny for over 10 years. The failure of the scheme was a blessing to the lessee, for the ultimate result of the improved lease was that, with £11,000 of ringing and scrubbing, £6000 of buildings, tanks, and fencing, including wire netting, 1100 acres of freehold land, and some 2000 sheep, it was sold for £4000; and within 12 months, although he was able to make arrangements with the Crown for a lease up to 21 years, the purchaser regretted his bargain. Yet the present Minister practically says similar country can be profitably occupied on a lease of 10 years, or with a right of resumption in 10 years, which is exactly the same, for a tenant has no security beyond that. One condition is that the tenant has five years to complete the ringing and scrubbing, and it would be two years before the grasses would sweeten; so in 10 years things would be straightening out with fair seasons, and from that on an expected return to recoup the outlay may reasonably be looked for. But what of all this if resumption takes place, and the resumption clause makes the following unreasonable compensation:—If the improvements cost £5000 and the lease is for 20 years, and resumption takes place in 10 years, you only receive £2500; or, if it is a lease for 10 years you get nothing, although the improvements are new and just in their prime. So, in addition to the fair rental charged, you have to pay a very heavy premium for the privilege of improving waste Crown lands, which the Crown can neither sell nor lease on the open market.

Let me now come into the Inverell and Warialda districts, as we have heard so much of it lately owing to Myall Creek, and let us see if there is not much country here which should be taken hold of and leased on long tenures at nominal rents under improving conditions, without resumption, or an equivalent. The rabbits have made themselves manifest in this country, and it will be difficult to deal with them. Owing to the hills and rocky nature of the country and rapid watercourses wire netting and poisoning with water or carts will be almost impracticable, and the freeholders are much concerned in devising means to deal with them, for the rabbit is the worst scourge the State has to deal with, I am quite convinced, especially in this broken country. Then the next best thing is to get the country clear of scrub and general cover. From Ashford to Bonshaw (20 miles), Bonshaw to Texas (15 miles), Texas to Bengalla (30 miles), a total of 65 miles, there is practically no settlement. The only selection which has taken place has been the fringe along the river frontage. Back from the Dumaresq River, till you reach the MacIntyre, distances ranging from 12 miles to 25 miles, there is not a solitary settler; and much the same condition exists on the west side of the MacIntyre, except that large areas have been taken up as improvement leases, but then only picked blocks. For, I think I am right in saying, on that side there are 140,000 acres which have been, three times some of it, offered to the public at one-tenth and two-tenths of a penny per acre, and refused. Although there are some 500,000 acres of country in the area I have mentioned, which is either waste or abandoned Crown lands, and the best of it offered and reoffered on long tenures without success, yet the Minister puts in a stereotyped clause for resumption in 10 years on this class of country, some 70 miles from railway, and nearly 600 miles from Sydney markets. I learn the Pastures and Stock Protection Board has drawn special attention to this class of country, and suggested leases even up to 40 years at a nominal rental, to tenants who have the capital to improve it, not merely leasing it, as some of the improvement leases were, and held for three or four years over the pinch, and abandoned. The past good season has not only given vigour to the rabbits, but to the scrub, and each year that the improvement of the country is delayed, so soon is it going to pass beyond recovery and into oblivion; and the Minister should have more spunk in him, and take things on broad principles for the general good, as against some carping member of Parliament, who wants to make himself heard. No stereotyped clause is just, nor can apply to the classes of lands so different in character.

LONDON BUTTER MARKET.

The Minister for Agriculture has received a cable from Mr. Lance, in which the commercial agent states that there is good demand for Australian butter. New South Wales choicest being worth 98s to 102s per cwt., according to quality. Mr. O'Callaghan, dairy expert, states:—"Thus the London market still leaves a comfortable margin on all Sydney butters purchased on the basis of 84s per cwt. or 9d per lb. So far the season has been a healthy one for exporters of good butters. However, all butters shipped after the first week in February will begin to meet new season's Irish and Continental creamery butters, and then we must look for a decline in demand and prices. If farmers in districts suitable for cheesemaking will turn their attention to this product for the next five months, the butter market will be strengthened, and those who turn out a good cheese will also gain considerably. It is worthy of note that the cheese instructor recently appointed on the dairy staff is meeting with great demand for his services."

GRADING.

"Up-grade" writes:—"I would like to remind readers that only a few years ago keen-sighted business men were loud in their praises of the splendid services rendered by the commissioner for the "Sydney Morning Herald" and "Sydney Mail," when visiting the markets of England, and showing the possibilities of Australia doing immense business with the old country. Among other useful advice, the commissioner emphasised the necessity of grading everything our producers sent to the home market. Notwithstanding the excellency of the advice tendered, our State is the most backward in the world in the matter of grading, and the consequence is loss of thousands of pounds to our producers. Our sister States are having their butter, cheese, etc., graded, with the Government stamp affixed, and it has been found to pay. Foreigners most carefully pack and grade all their products for the British markets, and have been doing so for some time, and New South Wales producers wonder why foreigners get better prices than they do. It is puzzling why our men on the land are content to ship their products in a slipshod manner and lose money wholesale."

PARRAMATTA ORCHARD NOTES.

Light showers commenced to fall on Friday afternoon, and there was a fervent hope that the rain would continue, so that at least the citrus fruit trees might be revived. During the worst month of the late drought things were not worse. The rain, even though a good downpour falls now, will be too late for the summer fruit. This crop has almost been an absolute failure this season. As regards late fruit, especially peaches, some of the growers have headed down their trees, intending to work them with earlier stuff. One grower remarked: "I have headed back every late peach tree in my orchard, for I am convinced that it is folly to attempt to grow any peach that ripens after January. The presence of the fruit fly renders this step absolutely imperative. I will work all my late trees with early stuff. The same applies to Seville oranges. The fly attacks this fruit, and I have pulled it all, and will quit growing it." In regard to the manner in which the continued dry weather is affecting the citrus trees, an observant grower states that the common orange tree suffers the worst, the leaves all being badly curled up. The Emperor mandarin tree stands it the best. His observations have been made on trees all growing under the same conditions, and all receiving similar treatment. He, however, can assign no reason why this should be, seeing that all the trees referred to are worked on a similar stock lemon.

PILLIGA SCRUB LANDS.

An important matter is now under the consideration of the Minister for Lands, namely the utilisation of the Pilliga scrub lands. Bounded on the north by the Namoi River, on the west by the Castlereagh, on the east by the north-western railway, and reaching south to Coonabarabran, the Pilliga scrub lands, roughly estimated, embrace an area of 1,800,000 acres, of which 1,200,000 acres are said to be suitable for wheat-growing. The rainfall for the past 20 years ranged from 30in per annum at Coonabarabran to 20in at Pilliga. The country is so densely covered with scrub, that only a very small area has been taken up even on improvement leases at a merely nominal rental. Some holders have even abandoned their land on those terms.

Speaking on the subject on Saturday the Minister for Lands remarked:—"The opinion is held that if this country is ever to be made productive it must be on an agricultural basis rather than a pastoral, that the land must be worked in small areas, and, when cleared, must be put to highly productive uses in order to justify the cost of clearing. It is proposed, therefore, to put into general effect the suggestion made by the board after its special inquiry, and to make the country available for agricultural purposes, if further investigation justifies that course. Steps are now being taken to have a thorough survey and exploration of the area, and a detailed soil analysis. If the results are satisfactory, this land will probably be made available for small settlers on far more liberal terms than have ever been granted under existing laws. Everything, however, will depend on the result of the detailed survey and soil reports."

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BELLINGEN.—A meeting of subscribers to the proposed butter factory was held on Friday at the School of Arts. Seven provisional directors were appointed, and an active canvass of the district was decided upon. There is every probability of a good milk supply.

CAMDEN.—The season 1904-5 for agriculturists in the Camden district has been very unfavourable. The hay and fruit crops have been very light, and the maize crops promise to be likewise. Stock on the whole are looking well, but the milk supply is not one-half of what it should be.

CANDELO.—Mr. W. Bower, a well-known dairy farmer, has left for Cooma with a draft of milch cattle, en route to the Richmond River, where one of his sons has taken up a dairy farm. Mr. Bower was burnt out at Wyndham during the recent bush fires.

COOMA.—The revenue of the Cooma Pastures Protection Board for last year amounted to £1492. The amount paid out for scalps was £193. The credit balance at the beginning of the year was £370, and at the close £558. The Adaminaby Pastoral and Agricultural Association's show will be held on March 30.

MORUYA.—The half-yearly general meeting of the Moruya Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, was held on Saturday, when the report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. The factory, though not working up to its full capacity, made a good turnover.

THE CROPS.

BELLINGEN.—The maize crops are looking splendid, and the prospects of the coming season are excellent.

COROWA.—The vineyards and orchards will benefit from the recent rainfall. The grapes show the severity of the hot weather, the berries being more or less shrivelled up. Vignerons estimate that they will not make one-half the quantity of wine this season as last, while growers of table varieties expect to pick but half a crop. In some instances it is said that it would not pay to pick the grapes, the bunches being so dried up that they were almost useless for winemaking.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

COOMA.—3000 sheep, Burrowa to Adaminaby, Roche owner; 500 fat sheep, Cooma to Flemington, Stevenson; 300 fat sheep, Cooma to Flemington, Garnock; 300 fat sheep, Cooma to Flemington, Reed.

GLEN INNES.—1600 wethers, from Booroolong to Bannockburn, John Sinclair owner; 374 mixed sheep, Plain View to Deepwater, and 600 mixed sheep, Plain View to Deepwater, A. O'Hara; 9200 wethers, Queensland to Inverell, P. C. Campbell; 135 ewes and lambs, Kurrajong to Jura, N. S. Rocky; 767 fat wethers, Glen Innes to Lismore, C. Webster; 170 mixed sheep, Daytonia to Brodie's Plains, L. Lamrock; 72 fat bullocks, Mingoola to Flemington, P. Jeffrey; 66 store steers, Stanthorpe to Maiden Head, A. Purvis; 60 steers, Maiden Head to Avoca, Bates Bros.; 40 fat bullocks, Riverton to Flemington, J. Hynes; 154 steers and heifers, Spring Vale to Duck Ponds (Q.), T. W. Gillham owner.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

SHARKS IN THE RIVER.

At the present time the Parramatta River seems to be infested with sharks, and the voracious monsters are full of daring. The large schools of mullet have attracted the amateur fishermen, and last week two of them, fishing near Sheather's wharf, on the opposite bank to the Rydalmere Asylum, had a narrow escape. One young man, with a rod, was standing up to his waist in the water, while another was standing in shallower water. The one in the shallow water was in the act of landing a fish, when a large shark dashed up and took it off the line. The young man in the deeper water lost no time in getting to shore. Only a day or so before, near the same spot, a shark took a dog that was swimming in the water.

ST. JOHN'S INSTITUTE.

The inaugural meeting for the revival of St. John's Institute was held in St. John's Grammar School on Thursday evening, when there was a good attendance, the Ven. Archdeacon Gunther presiding. A pleasant social evening was spent, a few short addresses delivered, and about 40 members were enrolled. The following officers were elected:—President, the Ven. Archdeacon Gunther; vice-presidents, Dr. R. Phipps Waugh, the Mayor (Alderman W. Noller), and Mr. G. Dart; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Harvey; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. Morgan; board of management, the Revs. H. F. L. Palmer and W. O'Neill and Messrs. Brennan, Mottershead, S. Wickham, Burke, and Lewis.

LIBERTY PLAINS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Liberty Plains Horticultural Society was held at Rookwood on Friday evening, the president, Mr. E. Evans, occupying the chair. The annual report showed that the interest of the society had during the year been well sustained, and a number of interesting papers had been read at the monthly meetings. It was resolved to increase the number of committeemen to 15, and the following were elected:—Messrs. E. Evans, T. Corbett, G. Weir, V. Gray, D. Rumble, Kearney, Macabee, J. F. Burrows, H. J. Ferguson, C. Guyot, Stafford, and M'Kay.

LIGHT-WEIGHT BREAD.

At the Parramatta Police Court on Friday, before Mr. T. E. MacNevin, S.M., Edwin Wheeler, baker, of Auburn, was charged with having on his premises 122 loaves of bread that were light weight, the total shortage being 127½oz. Defendant stated that the close weather had been responsible for the short weight. Each 2lb loaf had in the dough been scaled at 2lb 3oz, but the dough came along too quickly, and had to be rushed into the oven. Defendant's assistant supported this statement. The P.M. inflicted a fine of £31 15s, with costs, and ordered the bread to be confiscated. He, however, said that, in view of the facts stated, it had practically been an accident, and he would recommend that portion of the fine be remitted.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Parramatta, encouraging reports were received from the session committee of management, the Sabbath school, and other agencies. The following were elected members of the committee for the current year:—Messrs. W. T. Anderson, J. Button, H. T. Garlick, J. B. Holdsworth, W. Johnstone, R. H. Mathews, W. Morpeth, A. L. M'Credie, H. M'Gill, W. T. M'Glashan, G. Paul, W. Swann, A. H. Davie, and W. Stewart.

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THE ARID WEST.

RE-APPRAISEMENT OF WESTERN LANDS.

LIST OF THE REDUCTIONS.

A "Gazette" was issued on Saturday giving a further list of re-appraisements of Western lands held under scrub and improvement leases.

The number of applications lodged to bring improvement leases under the Western Lands Act was 114. Of this number 8 were withdrawn—leaving 106 applications to be dealt with.

Of the 106 applications, leases under the Western Lands Act have been issued in 100 cases. The rents of 99 leases have been gazetted, representing an area of 1,671,327 acres, with an annual rental, as determined under the Western Lands Act of £829 10s 10d.

The following were the rentals previously paid for this area under the Crown Lands Acts, and as provisional rentals under the Western Lands Act:—

Under the Crown Lands Acts .. £2378 11 7
Provisional Rentals under Western Lands Act 826 7 3

In six cases no leases under the Western Lands Act have yet issued. They represent an area of 100,680 acres, and the rent paid under the Crown Lands Acts for this area was £66 19s 9d.

The number of improvement leases not brought under the Western Lands Act is nine, representing an area of 132,873 acres, on which an annual rent of £37 7s 6d is payable.

The number of applications lodged to bring scrub leases under the Western Lands Act was three—none were withdrawn, leaving three to be dealt with.

Leases under the Western Lands Act have been issued in the three cases, which represent an area of 17,431 acres, and an annual rental as determined under the Western Lands Act of £25 7s 1d.

The following were the rentals previously paid for this area under the Crown Lands Acts, and as provisional rentals under the Western Lands Act:—

Under the Crown Lands Acts £72 11 0
Provisional Rental under the Western Lands Act 25 7 1

The number of applications lodged to bring inferior lands leases under the Western Lands Act was two—neither was withdrawn, leaving two to be dealt with.

A lease under the Western Lands Act has issued in one case, which represents an area of 45,450 acres, and an annual rental as determined under the Western Lands Act of £9.

The following was the rent previously paid for this area under the Crown Lands Acts, and as provisional rent under the Western Lands Act:—

Under the Crown Lands Acts £17 15 0
Provisional rental under the Western Lands Act 9 0 0

Following are the details of reductions:—

IMPROVEMENT LEASES.	£	s	d
Willyama, Henry Tarlton Whitty (20,380 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, Henry Tarlton Whitty (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, Henry Tarlton Whitty (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Bourke, Charles Percy Davis (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Bourke, Charles Percy Davis (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Bourke, Charles Percy Davis (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Bourke, Charles Percy Davis (4290 acres)	[illegible]	17	6
Willyama, Henry Tarlton Whitty (18,952 acres)	2	15	0
Willyama, Henry Tarlton Whitty (19972 acres)	[illegible]	15	0
Willyama, Henry Tarlton Whitty (20,475 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, Henry Tarlton Whitty (20,429 acres)	4	0	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	12	16	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (10,850 acres)	8	11	10
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (18,800 acres)	11	17	8
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (18,200 acres)	13	14	6
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (12,500 acres)	10	18	9
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	12	16	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	12	16	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (12,500 acres)	9	17	11
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (16,000 acres)	12	13	4
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	17	1	4
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	19	12	6
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	17	18	5
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (17,650 acres)	15	8	11
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (17,750 acres)	18	9	10
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	10	4	10
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	11	18	11
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	12	16	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (16,600 acres)	9	13	8
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	11	18	11
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	13	13	1
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	12	16	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (16,600 acres)	11	1	4
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (18,400 acres)	12	5	4
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	15	7	2
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (16,600 acres)	15	4	4
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	12	16	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (17,000 acres)	9	18	4
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	25	7	2
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (12,800 acres)	9	1	4
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	12	16	0
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (20,480 acres)	13	13	1
Bourke, Samuel M'Caughey (10,240 acres)	15	7	2
Wentworth, George Anderson (13,383 acres)	2	12	6
Balranald, Alexander Sievewright (10,240 acres)	11	18	11
Wentworth, Thomas Smith (2560 acres)	1	1	4
Wentworth, Arthur Scadding (2,560 acres)	[illegible]	17	1
Bourke, Andrew Tobin (12,240 acres)	12	16	0
Willyama, Archibald Lang and James Lang (20,000 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, Archibald Lang and James Lang (20,000 acres)	4	0	0
Wentworth, John Higgins (10,240 acres)	2	11	2
Wentworth, John Higgins (10,240 acres)	2	11	2
Brewarrina, Dalgety and Co., Limited (11,731 acres)	12	14	2
Wentworth, William Thomas Smith (5440 acres)	2	5	4
Walgett, North, John Kenneth Mackay, jun., and William Hooke Mackay (3750 acres)	14	1	5
Bourke, Dalgety and Co., Limited (1920 acres)	9	8	10
Bourke, Dalgety and Co., Limited (10,240 acres)	22	8	9
Bourke, Dalgety and Co., Limited (10,240 acres)	13	13	1
Bourke, William Jamieson, Thorold Goodwin Keats, and Herbert Frederick Cyril Keats (20,480 acres)	8	10	8
Bourke, William Jamieson, Thorold Goodwin Keats, and Herbert Frederick Cyril Keats (20,480 acres)	11	18	11
Bourke, William Jamieson, Thorold Goodwin Keats, and Herbert Frederick Cyril Keats ((20,480 acres)	8	10	8
Brewarrina, William Jamieson, Thorold Goodwin Keats, and Herbert Frederick Cyril Keats (19,913 acres)	17	8	6
Brewarrina, William Jamieson, Thorold Goodwin Keats, and Herbert Frederick Cyril Keats (20,480 acres)	20	9	7
Brewarrina, William Jamieson, Thorold Goodwin Keats, and Herbert Frederick Cyril Keats (10,234 acres)	8	2	0
Bourke, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Ltd. (18,630 acres)	27	18	11
Bourke, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Ltd. (9904 acres)	13	3	7
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,470 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,476 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,450 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,421 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,476 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (9880 acres)	2	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,380 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (12,480 acres)	2	10	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,000 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,000 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,000 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,382 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,428 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (19,810 acres)	2	17	6
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,466 acres)	4	0	0
Willyama, William Dawes, John Hunter Patterson, and John Hunter Patterson, as executor of Robert Benjamin Dawes (20,480 acres)	4	0	0
Wentworth, John Holland Robertson (16,400 acres)	2	5	0
Wentworth, John Holland Robertson (7480 acres)	1	10	0
Wentworth, John Holland Robertson (14,105 acres)	2	17	6
Hillston North, Hussey Malone Chomley and James Read Officer (18,200 acres)	3	12	6
Hillston North, Hussey Malone Chomley and James Read Officer (12,900 acres)	2	12	6
Hillston North, Hussey Malone Chomley and James Read Officer (11,200 acres)	2	5	0
Bourke, Dalgety and Co., Ltd (10,240 acres)	16	4	3
SCRUB LEASES.			
Wentworth, James Wilkinson (13,383 acres)	2	12	6
Hillston North, Alex. Glen Stevenson (10,240 acres)	14	18	0
Hillston North, Edward Tudor, Munday, (5800 acres)	9	13	4
INFERIOR LANDS.			
Hillston North, John Briston Docker (45,450 acres)	9	0	0

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST SERVICE.

OPEN-AIR MEETING IN MACQUARIE-PLACE.

CRADLE OF AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIANITY.

Throughout the State yesterday special services were held in the Anglican churches in commemoration of the first Divine service celebrated in Australia, the scene of which was close to the obelisk in Macquarie-place, Sydney. Under the shade of a large tree at that historic spot 117 years ago, the service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Johnson, chaplain of the fleet, whose name is held in grateful remembrance throughout Australia. As was to be expected, the various ministers yesterday contrasted our present conditions with those which ruled at that time, dwelling upon the remarkable achievements that have characterised almost every department of life. While the general note was one of praise and thanksgiving, however, opportunity was taken to direct attention to many social evils, and to impress upon the people the necessity for vigorous action in order to minimise their influence upon the community.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

At the morning service at the Cathedral, Archdeacon Gunther, who based his address upon the words, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee," gave an interesting sketch of the history of the Church of England. He traced the work of the Church in supplying the religious and spiritual wants of the people, in promoting the unity of the nation, in encouraging the spread of education, in the attainment of liberty and freedom, in succouring the poor and suffering, and in many other directions. In singing the praises of the English Church, he said he was not unmindful of her faults of the dark days, especially before the glorious Reformation, but all who knew her history must thank God for her great work on earth. What the Church had done for the home land she was now doing for Australia, where the teachings and traditions of the mother country were kept ever to the fore. "We are ever and anon reminded," said Archdeacon Gunther, "how little influence the Church has in opposing the trinity of evil—intemperance, impurity, and gambling—in checking illegitimacy, perjury, divorce, and other hydra-headed evils in this land. As honest men, we sorrowfully confess that the spiritual life of our people is developing very slowly, that there is a sad lack of means and men, that work is hindered by causeless divisions and unhappy antagonisms, that appeals for diocesan work meet with a sorry response, that some of our churches are poorly attended, and that enthusiastic church workers are far too few. Though these are discouragements and difficulties, ought they not to brace us for greater efforts? There is no cause for despondency. What God has done in the past is a foretaste of future blessing. I have no fear for the future if the Church will only to herself be true. Let to-day be a day of humiliation, of resolve, of consecration, not of loud jubilation, but devout thankfulness, and especially of praise and thanksgiving to God."

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

Special interest attached to the services at St. Philip's Church because of the fact that there were used the Bible and Book of Common Prayer which accompanied the original settlers, and were here first used in the service of God. These interesting relics, which were saved from the fire at the first St. Philip's Church in 1798, were in 1842 taken to England by the late Dean Cowper and rebound. They are now carefully preserved in the iron safe in the vestry of the present St. Philip's, and are used only on occasions of exceptional interest.

At the morning service Archdeacon Langley preached from Psalm 150, 6 v; and proverbs 14, 34 v. The parish of St. Philip's, he said, had from the very beginning been intimately associated with the history of Australia. He spoke of the army of faithful men who had followed the Rev. Richard Johnson, the first chaplain, in spreading a knowledge of God's word in this great continent, undoubtedly one of the fairest lands in the world. We had much to praise and thank God for. Perhaps no country in the world had made such rapid development as Australia. There were, however, many sad features to be considered. One of the worst things in our national life was the growing desecration of the Sabbath. Covetousness, too, was a prominent trait of the Australian character, and one of the very worst elements in Australian life was the shocking spirit of gambling arising out of a desire for the sudden acquisition of wealth. Intemperance, too, was another awful evil which had to be daily dealt with, and as an instance the preacher said he had it on excellent authority that in what was known as "the Rocks resumed area" alone the sum of £40,000 a year was expended in strong drink. Then there was the terrible evil of impurity which was eating into the life of the community like a great cancer, and appeared to be growing worse and worse every day. Archdeacon Langley, who quoted largely from a sermon delivered by Bishop Broughton on January 26, 1834, concluded with an earnest appeal to the people to endeavour to become more worthy of the manifold blessings and advantages which God had showered upon them.

OPEN-AIR MEETING.

Three or four hundred people attended an open-air service conducted by the Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith, rector of St. James', near the spot in Macquarie-place where the original service was held 117 years ago. A choir was in attendance, and several well-known hymns were sung with much heartiness. The Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith, in the course of his address, said that that spot was in some respects the cradle of Australian Christianity, and he hoped that the commemoration of the first service of Divine worship in Australia would yet be made national in character. The preacher described in some detail the plans drawn up by Governor Phillip for the settlement of the colony, and interestingly traced the marvellous progress that had since been made. He went on to refer in refreshingly outspoken terms to various evils existent in our midst, declaring that if men did not more generally abandon the habit of sitting still with folded hands, caring only for their own interests and regardless of the welfare of the community as a whole, the country would go to the devil. A trinity of evils had to be dealt with. The first was drunkenness, the full extent of which was not generally recognised; in one Sydney police court in a single year 116 men and 216 women were convicted of drunkenness for the third time. The second evil was impurity; if drink was ruining thousands, lust in various forms was ruining tens of thousands, and the streets of that particular neighbourhood were made hideous at night. Then there was gambling in all forms, from playing h'penny nap to investing on the Melbourne Cup. These forms were alike sinful in principle, though perhaps not in the same degree. He knew many good people who played ha'penny nap, but he repeated it was the same in principle whether they played that or staked everything on the chance of an animal winning a race, as so many did, in spite of the trickery and roguery that frequently made it impossible for the best animal to win. It should be the aim of all true men and women to abolish these iniquities. While they sat with folded hands, smiling, while the country went to the bad, they were doing the devil's work, and he urged all to be up and doing, making the most of their privilege to take a share in the work of these glorious and stirring times.

The Rev. S. G. Fielding also addressed the gathering.

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AMUSEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S.—"PIRATES OF PENZANCE."

"Pinafore" having made a successful run, was withdrawn on Friday, and on Saturday evening "The Pirates of Penzance" was revived at Her Majesty's Theatre, after an interval of between four and five years, and a well-filled house gave the picturesque opera quite a first night welcome. That the enthusiasm was justified no one who witnessed the performance could doubt, and it must have been particularly gratifying to Mr. Henry Bracy and M. Leon Caron that everything went so smoothly after the short period available for rehearsal. It may fairly be admitted, without attempting any comparison with the company that presented the opera in 1900, that the principals in the present combination were fully equal to the task imposed upon them. Miss Alexia Bassian, who was cordially welcomed back to the stage after her recent illness, sang the music allotted to Mabel with distinct success, and found no difficulty in rendering the intricate music of "Poor Wandering One," or the other solos and duets. Miss Bassian also succeeded dramatically, and in this respect she showed an advance upon her impersonation of Josephine in "Pinafore." After Miss Celia Ghiloni's "Lady Jane" and "Buttercup," the audience expected her to come up to a high standard in the character of Ruth, and they were not disappointed. Personally she looked handsome enough to charm Frederick and the Pirate King and all his crew, and she not only interpreted the music of the part admirably, but identified herself thoroughly with the dramatic side of the role, and gave an altogether delightful exposition. Miss Ghiloni made a decided hit in the opening duet with Frederick, and had much to do with the brilliant manner in which the well-known trio "A most amusing paradox," between Ruth, Frederick, and the Pirate King was submitted. The audience was not satisfied with less than a double encore. The Misses V. de Loitte, Sara Hyman, and Ruby Armfield were suitably placed as Edith, Kate, and Isabel respectively, and the ladies of the chorus showed the result of careful training, giving full effect to the pretty concerted piece "Let's Talk About the Weather." The male members of the chorus were also well up to their work. Mr. Howard Vernon, as Major-General Stanley, was the recipient of an ovation that stopped the action of the opera for a short time. His impersonation is beyond question an excellent one. His stature gives him an advantage, and probably he never sang or acted better in his earlier days. He compassed without apparent effort the patter song, "I am the very pattern of a modern Major-General," and the soft melody of the solo in the second act, where the General bewails the disgrace he has brought upon his ancestors (by purchase) in falsely representing to the Pirate King that he is an orphan. Mr. Walter Whyte, if dramatically somewhat stilted, sang the music allotted to Frederick correctly, and with confidence, and contributed in no small degree to the success of the duets between Frederick and Mabel. Mr. Frank Wilson, as the Pirate King, led off with spirit in his opening song, and so continued throughout the opera; and Mr. John Ralston was acceptable as Samuel, the freebooter's lieutenant, though the part is not one that furnishes much opening vocally. After Mr. Ernest Fitts' "Dick Deadeye," his excellent delineation of the Sergeant of Police did not come as a surprise. The house was worked up to a pitch of excitement over the famous "Tarantara" solo and chorus, and the audience, in its desire for more, quite ignored the petulant admonition of the Major-General to the Sergeant and his nervous men, "Yes; But You Don't Go." Mr. Fitts also scored in the subsequent song, "When a Felon's not Engaged in His Employment," and the character will be cited hereafter as one of his best. In this connection a special word of praise is due to the male chorus, whose efficient work made everything go with a swing. The opera is splendidly mounted and staged, and on Saturday evening the symbolic tableau representing Britannia evoked quite a burst of applause. Judging from its reception on the first night, the "Pirates of Penzance" should draw as well as "Pinafore."

THEATRE ROYAL—"THE BEST OF FRIENDS."

On Saturday night Mr. Bland Holt added another success to his already long record, by the production of Mr. Cecil Raleigh's four-act drama, "The Best of Friends." The main essential of the many requisite to carry a melodrama through with eclat is a story that will go from start to finish without allowing the interest of the audience to flag for a moment. The drama has to be like one of the modern novels of the large print and paper cover, that contains a tale of action so absorbing that the book must be read to the end before it is laid down. "The Best of Friends" is opulent in this respect. It has a plot that in the skilful hands of the writer has been made to travel at a brisk unhesitating pace from the rising of the curtain, touching lightly and with deft art on a number of picturesque scenes that give it a high colouring, and passing through many intensely dramatic episodes. It is mainly connected with the Boer war. The first chapters are laid in England prior to the outbreak, and during the first few months of hostilities, when all Britain was stirred to a great pitch of patriotic enthusiasm. One act deals with the last stages of the campaign, the characters being transported to South Africa, and the reconciliations and explanations—villainy overthrown and lovers united—without which no melodrama would be complete, take place in England after peace has been declared, and all the personages of the story, good and bad, are home again. One of the main points of the plot is the difficult situation of a young man, the son of a Boer, who makes many friends while at college in England, and when the two countries are at each other's throats has not only to join his people and fight against those he has learned to love and esteem, but to act as an agent for the enemy—a spy in the camp—while still among his English friends. Of course he also falls in love with an English girl, which increases his troubles in addition to estranging him from his chum. The best of friends therefore become the worst of enemies both in love and war.

The tale commences with the two, Paul de Lahne, the young Boer, and the Earl of Amesbury, at Oxford. A circus passes through the town with Godivas, Maseppas, Neptunes, Ariadnes, and no end of gorgeous pageant, all of which is seized upon by the author to enrich the diversity of the scene. The earl falls in love with one of the fair circus riders (Mercia), as earls sometimes do, and the lady in question is the centre of considerable manly interest, for Paul de Lahne is also smitten with her charms, and Reo, the ring-master of the circus, too, has long had his affections directed towards the same quarter. Hence when the earl having volunteered for service in consequence of a misunderstanding with the lady, and Paul—which misunderstanding has been helped by the jealousy of Lady Aline Redwood—meets his erstwhile friend in Johannesburg, whither Paul has foolishly ventured to learn the truth from the lips of Mercia (the circus having been used to secretly convey arms and ammunition to the Boers), there is an interesting encounter between the three. Mercia appeals to Amesbury not to expose Paul. Amesbury complies with her request. Consequently his bitterness towards his rival is doubled, and a tragic finality is promised, for Paul rejoins his commando under promise of silence regarding an attack to be made in the morning by the British troops led by Amesbury, and the two look forward to meeting in the fight. The third aspirant for Mercia's love—Reo—joins the Boers, after having seen Paul in Johannesburg; apprises them of the coming attack, and accuses Paul of having betrayed his comrades. Paul is about to be shot when Amesbury enters the camp under a flag of truce—with a file of his own armed men accompanying him, it might be mentioned in passing—and the Boers surrender. Paul's innocence of the charge against him is proved by Amesbury. The latter also receives undoubted proof of Mercia's love for him alone, and the two friends are reunited, shaking hands over the body of the Boer commandant, Paul's father, who falls dead as the flag is struck. Hereafter there is no more use for Paul, and he drops out of the story. In the succeeding act it turns out that Mercia is of noble birth. Her father was the lost son of Amesbury's uncle, the Duke of Richborough. Banished from home for misconduct, he became a soldier, was married outside the regimental rules, and died at Majuba. There is therefore no more opposition to the pair being married, and the will that was made in favour of Lady Aline is torn up. The play might end here, everything having been agreeably settled, but it still goes on, to enable a novel circus scene to be presented, in which Reo, under inducement from Lady Aline, attempts to cut the rope by which Mercia, making her last appearance, is suspended in mid-air. Mercia is rescued by a trapezist swinging to her and catching her at the critical moment, and Reo is hurled to the floor of the arena from the roof.

For the production on Saturday night there was necessarily a host of characters. The theatre was crowded, and loud applause greeted the principals as they made their appearance. Mr. Bland Holt himself had an excellent part in Mercia's "godfather by adoption," an old showman clowning in the circus. Being introduced to high society through an accident to Mercia, he has ample opportunity for light bits of humour mingled with occasional strains of pathos. He made a telling hit in a scene in a hut in which Mercia and the other girls are threatened by some desperadoes led by Reo, and in which he holds a lighted candle over a keg of coffee that has been represented to the ruffians as gunpowder. Miss Frances Ross's part was a somewhat passive character, there being little call for assertive dramatic ability, but she was nevertheless an attractive figure as Mercia, and fulfilled the requirements satisfactorily. Miss J. Pollock was vivacious as "Spud" Spangles, the circus girl, and was well supported in what she had to do by the other ladies of the circus company. Miss Harrie Ireland had one or two small opportunities for forceful characterisation, and used them well, but, in common with the other female parts, hers did not give a great amount of room for strong acting. The assignment of the part of the Earl of Amesbury to Mr. Baker ensured its being well portrayed, and Mr. Max Maxwell was correspondingly good as Paul de Lahne. Mr. A. Styan played the old Boer commandant with what might be termed silent strength, for he had few words to speak, and he acted well, particularly in the surrender scene. Mr. Norman was the Duke of Richborough, Mr. Charles Brown the circus proprietor Eketoff, and Mr. Harford capably brought out all the villainy that was required from Reo. Mr. M. F. Kemp took the part of General Churston, and a large number of minor characters were all well played. The scenery was from the brush of Mr. John Brunton, and he had ample scope for the exhibition of some beautiful pictures, especially the wild, rocky glen in which the Boers are concealed, a gradual sunrise being an especially happy effect. The most brilliant scene was perhaps the Duke's Hall, in which the yeomanry officers are assembled at a banquet, and the call is made for volunteers for the front. The climax when the officers and ladies mount the tables to drink the health of the Queen is a stirring and striking one as the glasses are dashed to the floor and the curtain falls while the toast is being vigorously cheered.

THE LYCEUM.—"BLIND MAN'S BUFF."

There was an excellent house at the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday night, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Fitch's comedy-drama, "Blind Man's Buff." On Wednesday next the final matinee of this piece will take place, and it will be presented for the last time on Friday. On the following evening "Old Heidelberg" will be produced. The box plan for the new piece will open at the theatre to-day, and at Nicholson's to-morrow.

THE TIVOLI.

The change of programme submitted at the Tivoli Theatre on Saturday attracted crowded houses, both at the matinee and evening performances, the appreciation of the audience being manifested in an emphatic fashion. The chief feature was the first appearances of "Bonita" and "Cleopatra," both of whom gave somewhat sensational turns, which were watched with the greatest interest by the audience. The firstnamed, who is billed as "A Child of the Plains," is a remarkably clever rifle shot, and no matter in what position she held the rifle the young lady rarely missed the small discs which were placed as targets. She also fired from the dress circle, the bullet breaking the disc. To give a further demonstration of her accuracy with the rifle an attendant held some clay pipes by the stem, and at each shot she succeeded in shattering the bowl. The attendant then placed upon his head a cap, which had several clay pipes attached to it, and these "Bonita" shattered with lightning rapidity. A thrilling snake-charming act was contributed by "Cleopatra." Some of the reptiles were of huge size, and the ease with which she handled them showed that beyond possessing an iron nerve she had more than the ordinary strength. She concluded her turn by handling a large snake. Both artists at the conclusion of their turns were loudly applauded. Historicus, a child who is said to be capable of correctly answering 10,000 questions in history, has entered on her last nights, as also has Mdlle. Olivette, who is described as the "mathematician and lightning wonder." Miss Fanny Powers was well received for her clever imitations of well-known artists, and Professor Davy's Marionettes continue to provide amusement for the young people. Among others who contributed to the programme were:—Mr. Fred. Bluett, the two Colliers, the Driscoll Boys, the Fernandez May Trio, Ford and Bentley, Miss Maggie Frazer, and Mr. Arthur Albert. A matinee will be given on Wednesday next.

THE FIREWORKS.

On Saturday evening the Royal Alexandra Palace Fireworks Company gave its second display on the Agricultural Society's Ground in the presence of a large attendance of spectators. The weather proving fine and calm, the exhibition went off without a hitch, and the representation of the fall of Port Arthur was carried out brilliantly. The fiery picture of the Niagara Falls also furnished very pretty effects, and a good deal of amusement was created by the act showing the performing elephants, cats on the tiles, and other clever mechanical devices. During the evening Miss Anita Sutherland and Mr. J. W. Crabtree again sang with success, and Mr. L. De Groen's Vice-Regal Military Band supplied an acceptable selection of music. There is to be another display to-night.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITAL.

The popular recital and concert arranged for Saturday night by the city organist attracted a good attendance to the Town Hall. Mr. Arthur Mason opened the programme with Gustav Merkel's "Sonata in D minor," a beautiful work, which, although cast in the classic mould, is so melodious and impressive that its appeal is general. At the close of the brilliant final fugue Mr. Mason was loudly applauded. Handel's air, "Lascia ch'io pianga," followed, and its tender beauty, enhanced by the use of varied shades of organ tone-colour, resulted in a unanimous encore. Other pieces which were especially appreciated was Lemmens' effective "Storm" fantasia (encored), a selection from "Iolanthe" (Sullivan), and Wolstenholme's "Barcarolle." D'Evry's brilliant Toccata in C closed an enjoyable programme. The vocalists were Miss Dorothy Forbes, Miss Mabel Ward, and Mr. W. Reginald Gooud, the firstnamed, a debutante at these concerts, sang "Sweet Pretty Maiden" (Gomes) and "Love Hail'd a Little Maid" (Ganz). Miss Ward was heard to advantage in a "Faust" aria and "Husheen" (Needham), both of which were encored, and Mr. Gooud gave a spirited performance of "Hybrias the Cretan" (Elliott), with "The Mighty Deep" as encore. The city organist gave the usual Sunday afternoon recital to a large audience yesterday, and will play again on Wednesday afternoon.

MISS ADA CROSSLEY.

The "Manchester Guardian" of December 19, criticising the production of "The Messiah" at Brand Lane's concerts, says:—Mr. Lane had engaged an exceptionally brilliant quartet of soloists—namely, Madame Albani, Miss Ada Crossley, Mr. Lloyd Chandos, and Mr. Andrew Black. There are few things which so entirely suit Miss Ada Crossley's vocal and expressive powers as the contralto music in the "Messiah." The gifted contralto was in splendid voice on Saturday, and the inspired and artistic manner in which she sang "He shall feed His flock" and "He was despised" naturally roused the enthusiasm of the immense audience.

MISS ALICE HOLLANDER.

The following excerpt is from the "Daily News" of December 22:—"'Sergeant Brue,' at the Strand Theatre, celebrated its 200th performance on Saturday last, when Miss Alice Hollander successfully took up the role of Aurora, vacated by Miss Madge Lessing—who is to appear at the Coliseum. The newcomer, who is well-known on the concert platform, quickly sang herself into favour. Her rendering of 'Never Mind the Weather,' a new number in Liza Lehmann's happiest vein, was much appreciated. Another new number, a prison trio entitled 'Put Me in My Little Cell,' also met with much applause."

Miss Hollander's portrait, in character, was published in "The Bystander" of the 21st of the same month.

THE SCALA THEATRE.

The attention which is at present being directed to the improvement in the accommodation, sanitary requirements, and special means of ingress and egress in our places of public amusement, necessarily renders the construction of a new London theatre a matter of interest to the theatre-going public of Sydney. By the courtesy of Mr. C. Arnold we have received an excellently printed pamphlet giving a description and illustrations of the Scala Theatre, which has been erected by Mr. E. D. Maddick on the site of the old Prince of Wales Theatre, the one-time professional home of the Bancrofts. Admirably clear photographs are given of the new building, including the grand staircases and foyers, the auditorium and stage (contrasting old and new), the Royal box, etc. The brochure forms a valuable memento of the progress of modern ideas and enterprise. The London "Era," referring to "La Scala" remarks:—"It would be difficult to imagine a lovelier interior than that planned by Mr. Frank Verity, the architect, from the ideas submitted to him by Dr. Maddick. It is entirely of marble, and a beautiful feature of the auditorium is to be found in two fine boxes—one on each side of the house. These are built square, with marble columns, and harmonise admirably with the architectural details of the proscenium. There are two magnificent staircases, and the visitor upon entering the theatre cannot fail to be at once impressed with the complete departure, both in architecture and decoration, that has been made from the methods hitherto pursued in theatre building."

PEOPLE'S POPULAR CONCERTS.

A holiday programme will be submitted at the people's popular concerts, given to-night at 525 George-street. There will be seven new turns, and a Chinese comicality by the full company. New biograph films will be shown.

"CHARLEY'S AUNT."

Apropos of the revival of this farcical comedy, the "Era" says:—"'Charley's Aunt' seems to have taken a new lease of life. The advance booking at the Comedy promises well, and the audiences take the good points of the play as freshly every evening as if "Donna Lucia" and "the place where the nuts come from" had never been heard of before. Mr. Stanley Cooke formerly played Babs on tour 1460 times—a record that exactly tallied with the number of performances given in London—and he has returned to his old part with all his old enthusiasm.

THE MONTEFIORE JEWISH HOME.

The board of management of the Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home held a meeting yesterday for the purpose of submitting the fifteenth annual report and balance-sheet of the institution. Mr. C. Nettheim, in the absence of the president, Mr. Samuel Cohen, presided.

The report stated that at the end of the year 1904 there were eight inmates in the institution. In addition to these 41 applicants had been afforded temporary shelter. The sum of £280 had been distributed to necessitous cases, and the balance in hand of the treasurer's cash account was £76. The institution, which is of a purely Jewish character, is for the purpose of assisting the poor and needy of the Jewish faith, and the report stated that the amount of subscriptions received was insufficient to enable the committee to meet the demands made upon it.

Mr. Justice Cohen, in seconding the report, deplored the fact that the Jewish community were not sufficiently alive to their responsibilities in connection with the home. Apart from the donations of prominent subscribers, the subscriptions were, he said, far below what they should be. Other speakers supported the sentiments expressed by Mr. Justice Cohen.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Samuel Cohen; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Nettheim; hon. secretary, Mr. B. D. Rothbury; committee, Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. M. Gotthelf, Mr. N. Jacobs, Mr. L. R. Wilson, Mr. H. N. Collins, Mr. L. M. Phillips, Mr. Norman S. Cohen, and Mr. H. Bentwitch.

LAW NOTICES.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

SUPREME COURT.

Before Mr. Justice Owen, in Banco Court.—At 11 a.m.: Wearne v Beale (special case), Bruce v Reed (W. Oliver garnishee), for attachment; Lawrence v Peachey and another, to set aside injunction; Chisholm v Robinson, to set aside judgment; Howard Smith and Company, Limited, v Varawa, to set aside ca re.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk: Leckie v Danish Condensed Milk and Butter Company, Limited, 10.30 a.m.; Watson and others v Chard, 10.30 a.m.; Brown v Brown, 11 a.m.; Bowman v Higgins, 12.30 p.m.; Reed v Catalano, 2.30 p.m.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy—At 10 a.m.—Hearing of petitions: Mahomet Bosh, Smiler, and Feroz Khan, trading as Mahomet Bosh and Company, adjourned hearing; Edward Higgins, Parkinson, and Company v Douglas Donald Waddell (16,361), adjourned hearing; Brown, Jocke, and Company, Limited, v A. S. Cameron (16,416); Frank Grimley, Limited, v William Richard Wilson, trading as the Wellington Engineering and Carriage Company (16,418); Feldheim, Gotthelf, and Company and others v A. P. G. Nelson (16,422). Examinations under section 30: John Hall (16,046); William Herbert Cruise (16,471).

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION OFFICE.

St. James'-chambers, King-street, Sydney.

Before the Acting Registrar.—At 12 noon—For judgment: In the matter of the reference under the East Greta award.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Lucas and another v W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company, Limited.

BALMAIN EISTEDDFOD.

SECOND YEAR'S CELEBRATION.

The second Balmain Eisteddfod was opened at the Centenary Hall on Saturday afternoon. Mr. A. Gow presided, and delivered a brief address, and Mr. A. J. Walker, Burwood, was conductor. Mr. G. de Cairos Rego acted as adjudicator in the musical section, and Mr. Lawrence Campbell in the elocution and literary section. The official accompanist was Miss M'Callum. The following are the results of the various competitions:—

Piano Solo, "Chanson d'Autrefois," Pensees, Musicales No. 2 (Neustedt). For children under 12 years of age. First prize, gold medal and certificate; second prize, certificate. Entries, 22.—Minnie M'Grath (Sydney), 1; Bessie Brown (Merewether), 2.

Solo, "Baby Wants the Moon" (H. W. Petrie), any key. For children under 12 years of age. First prize, gold medal and certificate; second prize, certificate. Entries, 12.—Bessie Brown (Merewether), 1; Grace Spry (Annandale), 2.

Contralto Solo, "Husheen" (Alicia Adelaide Needham). In B flat. Restricted to those who have never won a prize at an Eisteddfod. First prize, gold medal and certificate; second prize, certificate. Entries, 13.—Evelyn Morrow, 1; Ruby Hudson, 2.

Juvenile Chorus, "Corall'd Caves of Ocean" (H. Smart). Choirs not to number less than 30 or over 50 voices, juveniles to be under 15 years of age. First prize, £5 5s and trophy to the winning conductor or conductress; second prize, £2 2s.—The only entry in this competition was the Leichhardt Superior Public School Boys' Choir, and the adjudicator awarded them second prize.

Bass Solo, "In Sheltered Vale" (Silche). In E flat. Restricted to those who have never won a prize at an Eisteddfod. First prize, gold medal and certificate; second prize, certificate. Entries, 20.—James Fraser (Balmain), 1; Charles Rathbourne (Paddington), 2.

Recitation, "Napoleon and the Young English Sailor" (Campbell). For girls under 16 years of age. First prize, gold medal and certificate; second prize, certificate. Entries, 16.—Emily Dunne (Dulwich Hill), 1; Doris Moclair (Waverley), 2; Vera Moclair (Waverley), 3.

Church Choir Choral Competition, "Send out Thy Light" (Gounod). Choirs not to number less than 20 or over 30 voices. First prize, £10 10s, and a metronome value £1 1s to the conductor of winning choir; second prize, £2 2s.—The competing choirs were: Homebush Methodist (W. H. M'Clelland, conductor), Parramatta Methodist (R. M. Ferguson, conductor), and Rozelle Methodist (R. Brown, conductor), and the result was—Parramatta, 1; Homebush, 2.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session the upper parts of the hall were fairly well filled, but the higher priced seats on the floor presented a somewhat forlorn appearance. Mr. D. Watkins, M.P., presided, and Mr. Harold P. Williams, Manly, acted as conductor. The following are the results:—

Piano Solo, "Sonata in D, Op. 17" (Haydn). First movement only. For boys under 16 years of age. First prize, gold medal and certificate. Second prize, certificate. Entries, 10.—Patrick Flannigan (Redfern), 1; Theodore Ducrow (Sydney), 2.

Contralto Solo, "Like as the Heart Desireth" (Frances Allitsen). In C. First prize, £1 1s and certificate. Second prize, certificate. Entries, 14.—Miss Amy Pepper (Paddington), 1; Mrs. K. Macafee (Petersham), 2.

Recitation, "The Story of the Faithful Soul" (Proctor). For ladies over 16 years of age. First prize, £1 1s and certificate. Second prize, certificate. Entries, 12.—Miss Maud Thompson (Annandale), 1; Miss Kathleen Barnier (Camperdown), 2. There was only one point between these two competitors.

Duet, soprano and alto (adults over 18 years of age).—"The Four Sunbeams" (Liza Lehmann). First prize, £2 2s and certificates. Second prize, certificates. Entries, 3.—Miss Elsie Peerless and Miss Hanks were the winners; the second prize was not awarded.

Tenor Solo, Recit.: "Ye People Rend Your Hearts," Aria: "If with all Your Hearts," "Elijah" (Mendelssohn). First prize, £1 1s and certificate. Second prize, certificate. Entries, 7.—Mr. James Hinchey (Drummoyne) won first prize; the second was not awarded.

Violin Solo, "Gondellied" (Ferdinand David). For children under 16 years of age. First prize, gold medal and certificate. Second prize, certificate. Entries, 15.—Miss Marian Meckle (Sydney), 1; Miss Millie Gallagher (Parramatta), 2. Miss Meckle scored the possible number of points (100), while Miss Gallagher was only six behind.

Second Choral Competition, "He Watching over Israel," "Elijah" (Mendelssohn). Choirs not to number less than 25 or over 40 voices. First prize, £15, and gold medal to the winning conductor. Second prize, £2 10s. The competing choirs were:—Balmain District Choral Union (A. J. Walker conductor), Homebush Methodist Musical Society (W. H. M'Clelland conductor), and Petersham Choristers (Geo. Walker conductor). Intense interest was manifested in this event, and the adjudicators' decision was received with an outburst of cheering. The result was: Balmain, 87 points, 1; Petersham, 86 points, 2; and Homebush, 75 points, 3.

This concluded the competitions. The Eisteddfod will be continued to-day, when there will be three sessions, commencing at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. respectively. The programme for each is very interesting. At the afternoon session there is a choral competition, in which the prizes are £50 and the Paling Championship Cup, besides £3 3s to the winning conductor, and £10 for second. In the evening session the Premier, the Hon. J. H. Carruthers, is to preside, when the champion choral competition will be decided, similar prizes being offered, viz., £50 first, and £10 second.

ADULTERATION OF MILK.

DISCOVERY OF FORMALIN.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IMPOSED.

At the Newtown Police Court on Friday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Henry Butcher, inspector for the Borough of Marrickville, proceeded against Charles Hillman, milk vendor, on a charge of having, by his agent, William Mobberley, sold milk that was not of the nature, substance, or quality demanded by the purchaser.

Mr. Weaver appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Reynolds for the defence.

Evidence was given by the inspector that he took the sample of milk from a cart driven by William Mobberley. The cart had painted on it, "C. Hillman and Company, pure country milk."

William M. Hamlet, Government Analyst, stated that he analysed the sample of milk in question, and found it a mixture of milk with added water, and a poison called formalin. The quantity of added water was 3½ per cent., and the formalin 6¼ grains to the gallon. Formalin to that extent in the milk would render it injurious to the health of infants, and of invalids. By 6¼ grains of formalin he meant commercial formalin. There would be about 2½ grains of pure formalin in the sample. Formalin would kill injurious bacteria. It had not been discovered many years; when a bee stung a person it deposited the hundredth part of a grain of formalin, and it was the part of the sting charged with formalin which caused the trouble. He determined formalin in this case by two methods; one was direct, and the other indirect. Formalin, he believed, was allowed in milk in Queensland, but he forgot the quantity.

For the defence, Charles Hillman stated that the young man Mobberley purchased the milk from him, and sold it again. After the cart left witness's establishment of a morning witness had no more to do with the milk. He hired the horse and cart from witness. His firm had milk left over every day. They scalded it, and sold it next day.

To Mr. Weaver: The man Mobberley was convicted at the Central Police Court in December last for selling milk which had been adulterated. That milk was from witness's establishment. The company did not pay Mobberley's fine on that occasion, and he went to gaol so far as witness knew. Witness was recently convicted at the Glebe Court, not for putting formalin in the milk, but for neglect in allowing milk to get into human consumption with formalin in it. After that case witness wrote to the farmers supplying the company with milk, and with his partner went up and saw them. Some of them admitted that they had put formalin in their milk. Witness at once engaged an experienced analyst to test the milk. Witness at no time put formalin in any of his milk, and did not suggest that Mobberley did so after the milk had left witness's premises. The firm had an output of about 1500 gallons of milk, but of late the quantity had fallen off a little.

Evidence was given by an analyst employed by Mr. Hillman that he discovered formalin in the milk. He was now making regular tests.

William Mobberley gave evidence that he purchased the milk in question from Mr. Hillman, from whom he hired the cart. He never interfered with the milk in any way, but sold it just as he purchased it.

Mr. Reynolds submitted that Mobberley was not an agent or servant, therefore defendant was not liable. The magistrate ruled against him. Mr. Reynolds then pointed out that after the case at the Glebe the previous week the defendant had interviewed the farmers, and some of them had admitted that they put formalin in the milk. Acting on the advice tendered to defendant by the magistrate at the Glebe Court he had secured the services of a competent analyst, and was endeavouring to find out where the formalin came from. Defendant he held was not to blame in the matter.

Mr. Weaver asked for a very heavy penalty. Defendant had already been fined, and yet formalin was still found in the milk. It was a case of defrauding the public.

The magistrate said Mr. Weaver, in order to have secured a very heavy penalty, should have proceeded under the section of the Act dealing with the sale of foods injurious to health. However, the public must be protected, and he would impose the maximum penalty under the section in which defendant was charged, viz., for selling ordinary adulterated milk. Defendant was fined £20 and costs, in default imprisonment for three months. No notice of appeal was given, but Mr. Reynolds has since intimated his intention of appealing.

The same inspector also proceeded against William Bailey on a charge of selling adulterated milk.

Mr. Weaver appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Tayler (Dowling and Tayler) appeared for the defence. Evidence was given that the milk was purchased from a young man who was serving milk along with defendant, from one of the carts belonging to the Fresh Food and Ice Company. Mr. Hamlet certified that the milk contained 3½ per cent. of added water. Under cross-examination he stated that it took 20 minutes to analyse a sample of milk to find out whether it had been watered or not. He thought a dairyman ought to know of an adulteration of 3½ per cent. of added water, but it would take a skilled analyst to find out the exact extent. A lactometer would detect 3½ per cent., of added water, but it was a rough-and-ready means, and there was no certainty about it. A lactometer would show when water was added, and it would be accepted in cases where the milk had been adulterated with nothing but water.

For the defence, a youth named M'Mahon, who supplied the inspector with the milk, stated that he was not in defendant's employ. He was employed by the Fresh Food and Ice Company. Defendant was also employed by the same company. Witness and defendant served from the same cart. Defendant corroborated the evidence of M'Mahon, and stated that the milk belonged to the company. Mr. Tayler submitted that as M'Mahon supplied the milk, defendant was not in any way liable, because it could not be shown that M'Mahon was in any way defendant's agent or servant. The magistrate held to the contrary, and ordered defendant to pay a fine of £5, with £1 3s 6d costs, in default imprisonment for 21 days.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Weights for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup will be issued to-morrow.

It is somewhat unusual in a race like the Anniversary Handicap to find no horse left in on the minimum. Of the 11 acceptors only two—Metal Lace and Loredano—were weighted at 6st 7lb, but both have incurred penalties of 5lb, the former by his victory at Rosehill, and the latter by his win in the Turf Club Handicap on Saturday. This leaves Panama at the bottom of the list with 6st 10lb.

E.L.C. and De Mallion put a brace of wins to the credit of the Tocal sire Medallion on Saturday.

R. W. Brennan, on E.L.C. and Loredano, was the only rider at the S.T.C. meeting on Saturday to have more than one winning mount.

The following criticism on an article of Mr. Spencer Gollan's on "The State of the Turf" in the "Badminton Magazine" recently appeared in the "London Sportsman":—"Mr. Gollan is inclined to be pessimistic concerning the state of the turf, but his views are seemingly derived mainly from contact with the purely betting element. He says, 'At Liverpool I asked one of the oldest and most respected commissioners his view of the turf's present condition, and his answer was "Bad, the uninspired backers are all broke."' Mr. Gollan goes on to say that a certain class engineer coups, but he does not attempt to suggest any method of combating their engineering operations. He branches off instead, and asks, 'How long will it be before the Legislature steps in to prevent the lower classe from wasting their money in betting?' Surely Mr. Gollan cannot represent modern Australian thought on that subject when he objects to the lower classes being allowed the same liberty which the upper classes enjoy. All men are supposed to be equal in law, and why should not the lower orders have the same privilege as those who are generally termed their 'superiors'? Surely the lower orders in Australia are allowed to bet. I imagine I have read of their doing so and also of their taking shares in the mammoth sweeps known as Tattersall's Consultations. Mr. Gollan is too sweeping as a reformer altogether, for he advocates doing away with the Jockey Club and having instead salaried commissioners appointed by owners and breeders. He would also do away with vested interests in sport, abolishing shareholding in gate money meet-bgkq shareholding in gate money meetings. On the starting gate question Mr. Gollan says much which deserves attention. He would 'permit the starter to fine jockeys who turn round after being ordered to place their mounts up to the gate.' He would also 'press the horses tightly together for the start, and leave those animals that are causing delay.' It is quite probable that a fine would lessen the number of horses described in the reports as 'whipping round,' and would also minimise the frequent turning round of horses prior to the start. As to pressing the horses tightly together in the style one see in photographs of the sardine-like starts in Australia, I would rather be a spectator than a rider when a few-couraged or bad-tempered thoroughbreds were being 'pressed together.' The operation strikes me as a rather ticklish one. Although Mr. Gollan's suggestions, if carried out, would involve the entire demolition and reconstruction of our racing system, there are a number of hints in his letter which might be acted upon with advantage."

The "Asian," in dealing with the race for the Viceroy's Cup, had the following to say concerning Great Scot's victory:—"It was a marvellous and staggering performance, and the net result of it all is that there can be no possible interest in any future Viceroy's Cup so long as this horse can be brought to the post even a quarter fit. There is nothing in India, in our opinion, within 2st of him when he is really well, and this being so it means that he has got a mortgage for some years to come upon the one big weight-for-age race in India. It has been said of Great Scot by those who know him best that in order to get him right to run he must be galloped to death, and that unless he is strung up like a greyhound he can never be relied upon to win races. This assertion is most conclusively disproved, for the horse has not, with the exception of two gallops in public, been out of a canter for close upon a month. It is said that there are many people anxious to buy Great Scot for England, and that it is in contemplation to make Mr. Apcar an offer of a substantial figure."

Owners interested should note that first forfeits for the V.R.C. Sires' Produce Stakes and St. Leger fall due before 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

The programme of pony and galloway races to be run at Epping on Friday next appears in our business columns. Entries close with the secretary (Mr. S. Peters) at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Anniversary Day is always popular with the managers of race clubs, consequently a large number of reunions will be held in different parts of the State to-day. Chief among them is that of the Newcastle Jockey Club, whose five events filled well, and some good sport should be the result. In Brisbane the Queensland Turf Club will run off a well-arranged programme of half-a-dozen races, while in the southern capital an afternoon's sport will be provided by the Williamstown R.C.

The Aspendale Park Handicap on Saturday ended disastrously for Ratafia's backers, who, having won their money, had the mortification of losing it again through a piece of carelessness on the part of the jockey (G. Murdison), in weighing out. Ratafia was an odds-on favourite, and in a field of four won in the commonest of canters, but on returning to scale Murdison could not draw weight even with the bridle thrown in. The stewards after a short inquiry disqualified Ratafia and awarded the race to the second horse, Cluster, who was well backed at 3 to 1. The owner (our Melbourne correspondent states) is said to have invested £300 on Ratafia, and as the stake was worth £85 to the winner, the mistake cost him dear.

The cross-country horse Tutchewop fell in the Steeplechase at Aspendale Park on Saturday, and broke his neck.

The Tabulam Amateur Jockey Club, our correspondent states, held a meeting on Saturday, the six events being well contested. The Opening Handicap was won by Good Iron, the Members' Race by Nardoo, the Tabulam Handicap by Waterloo, the Publicans' Purse by Lucy, and the Farewell Handicap by K.Y.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

The grass tracks were closed at Randwick on Saturday, and trainers made use of the tan, which, however, was as good as could be desired to work on. For a considerable time a thick fog obscured the posts at the back of the course, and several horses spurted while it was in evidence.

Among those that galloped a distance were Cato, who ran round in 2m 17½s, and finished very well. Raeburn registered a mile in 1m 47s, a rather good performance; and Overdale put in a strong round. Koopan and Lord Fitzroy ran three-quarters of a mile in 1m 20s, finishing nicely; while Elvo and Green Mountain took a couple of seconds longer for a like journey. Nothos and Ossian were associated for a circle, but were not fully extended, both going nicely. Mark led Mimer over three furlongs, and Graceton went nicely over a similar trip, as did Simnel. Panama finished well at the close of a circuit, a distance be accomplished in 2m 19s, Niebel assisting him over the last six furlongs. Capertee went nicely over three-quarters of a mile, and Deemster spurted down the running in good style. High Collar went well for six furlongs, and short sprints were executed by Fashoda, Belfry, Lord Ullin's Daughter, Trenwith, Atholene, E.L.C., Bowra, Spero, Parrot, High Life, Victory, Woodlander, Bynagen, Calenture, De Mallion, Haloya, Marie Corelli, and several others.

SYDNEY TURF CLUB.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

FASHODA WINS THE CHALLENGE STAKES.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Sydney Turf Club was begun at Randwick on Saturday, and attracted a fair attendance. The weather was bright and cool for the time of year, and visitors were enabled to witness the afternoon's sport under favourable conditions. The course and reserves, notwithstanding the dry weather, looked well, while the track was in first-class order. In the majority of events the fields were small, and the racing was fairly good. Owing to the alterations in progress, the official stand was not available, but there was ample accommodation in theg randstand. The programme was run through without mishap. The results of the racing were in favour of the public, four first favourites and a well-backed second favourite claiming the judge's attention.

THE RACING.

With the exception of that for the Challenge Stakes, the fields were very small, and, in the majority of instances favourites won. The afternoon's sport opened with the Welter Handicap, for which seven were saddled up, and the Medallion mare Diploma, was the popular selection. High Life essayed to win all the way, and held the lead to the distance, where the favourite settled her pretentions in a few strides, and scored easily at the end.

Five of the nine coloured on the card for the Amateur Stakes were stripped for the fray, and the Belltrees representative, Belfry, who had the services of M. W. E. Manning in the saddle, was sent out a hot favourite, backers laying odds of 6 to 4 on at the close of [illegible]. The Medallion horse De Mallion, who, some time ago, earned a number of winning brackets under the name of De Wet, in the northern district, was next fancied, but the others came in for little or no support. The market exactly foreshadowed the result, for Belfry, with a slight advantage from De Mallion, led from the jump to to judge's box, and won rather easily at the end of the trip.

Half a score took the track for the First Nursery Handicap, and the Medallion colt, E.L.C., was the popular selection, while Mary Dorset was the only other backed for money. The start was one of the worst ever seen on the course, for Douro, Woodlander, Mary Dorset, and Stirrup Cup, were left standing at the post; while Refrain, Bynagen, and Revolutionaire got well away. Bynagen and Revolutionarie were together in front to the entrance of the straight, where Revolutionaire got a slight advantage, which be held to the distance. Then E.L.C. relieved him of further responsibility, and was soon tackled by Refrain, who swerved out at the half distance, and E.L.C. finishing straight as a gun barrel, went on and won comfortably. There was some doubt expressed as to whether it was a race, owing to the horses that were left at the post, but the starter held that he had sent them off, and that ended the matter. The stipendiary stewards held an inquiry into the running of Refrain, and it is understood that a satisfactory explanation was tended.

There were no defections from the list of acceptors for the Challenge Stakes, the field numbering one less than a dozen, and the fact that half a dozen of them were well backed indicated that the race was regarded as pretty open. Mohair was elected favourite, Fashoda and Deemster disputed the honours of second favouritism, while Graceton, Simnel, Mimer, and Atholene had friends at longer prices. Fashoda, however, made one act of it, for, getting her head in front soon after the rise of the barrier, she was not afterwards headed. Bowra and the favourite escorted Fashoda all the way, but Deemster came with a fast run from inside the distance and in the last stride beat Bowra out of second place, Mimer, Simnel, The Palmist, and Mohair finishing in a cluster at Bowra's throatstrap. The winner, who was bred at the Warroo stud by Mr. C. S. M'Phillamy, is by Niagara—son of Anteros—from Repentance, by The Australian Peer from Penitent (imp.), by Rosicrucian, and is the property of Mr. A. Foley, of Randwick, for whom Chere Amie won the Doncaster Handicap last April.

His success in the Amateur Stakes evidently prevented Belfry from taking part in the Corinthian Stakes, for which he had been nominated. The first prize for the latter event was a trophy, value 50 sovs., with a sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters. With five starters the trophy was, therefore, subsidised by 10 sovs. for the winner, consequently the value of the prize in specie would be 60 sovs. The conditions provided a penalty of 10lb for the winner of the Tirranna or Bong Bong Cup of 1905, and also for the Amateur Stakes, but the stewards decided, notwithstanding, that Belfry was not eligible, and De Mollion, who had proved the most dangerous opponent of Mr. White's horse in the Amateur Stakes, left the paddock an even money favourite, the St. Swithin gelding Pause being the best fancied. Again public opinion was justified, for De Mallion made all his own running, and had no difficulty in accounting for Pause at the close of the contest.

The Turf Club Handicap, with which the afternoon's sport was brought to an end, attracted only four runners, and popular choice fell on Lord Ullin's Daughter, upon whom backers were called to lay odds. Talofa jumped off in front, and drawing right away opened up a gap of eight lengths at the back of the course, but the son of Gigue played himself out after passing the half-mile post, and beat a retreat as they came round the bend, leaving the favourite to swing into the straight with Lucknow and Loredano in her wake. At the distance the favourite seemed to have the race at her mercy, but Loredano came from that point with a determined run, and, gaining on Lochiel's daughter at every stride, just got up in time to defeat her by a long head, thus doing the ringmen a good turn. The details of the racing are appended:—

WELTER HANDICAP of 2 sovs each for starters, with 100 sovs added; second 20 sovs. 1m.

Mr. I. Earnshaw's br m Diploma, by Medallion—Somniloquist, 4yrs, 9st 3lb (W. H. Smith) 1
Mr. K. Keys's b h High Life, 5yrs, 9st (G. Selby) 2
Mr. J. Monaghan's b or br h Mutandum, 5yrs, 8st (A. M'Crummon) 3

Other starters: Danny Mann, 9st 8lb (J. Barden); Speculum, 9st 2lb (G. Osborne); Spero, 8st 9lb (F. Hickey); Yo San, 8st 4lb (R. W. Brennan).

Betting: 5 to 4 v Diploma, 6 to 1 each v Spero and Danny Mann, 7 to 1 v Yo San, 8 to 1 v Speculum, 10 to 1 v Mutandum.

Danny Mann was the first to show out from a good start, and was almost immediately joined by High Life, who took charge in the first furlong and showed the way along the back half a length from Danny Mann, who was three lengths in advance of Spero, Yo San, and Mutandum; Diploma was four lengths further back, and Speculum last. As they neared the five furlongs post High Life drew out three lengths from Danny Mann; Mutandum was a length and a half further back, with Yo San at his side, followed by Spero and Diploma. Passing the half-mile post High Life increased her advantage to four lengths from Diploma and Danny Mann, Mutandum being at the head of the others. High Life held her place to the distance, where Diploma cut her down, and beat her easily by two lengths; Mutandum was two and a half lengths off third, followed by Speculum and Yo San, Danny Mann next, and Spero last. Time, 1m 41¾s.

AMATEUR STAKES of 2 sovs each for starters, with a trophy valued at 50 sovs for the winner; one of 20 sovs for second horse, and one of 20 sovs for third horse. 1m.

Mr. W. E. White's b g Belfry, by Ruenalf—Isabelle, 6yrs, 11st 6lb (Mr. W. E. Manning) 1
Mr. J. S. O'Donnell's ch h De Mallion (late De Wet), 5yrs, 11st 6lb (Mr. J. S. O'Donnell) 2
Mr. W. Mccurley's ch g Glimmer, aged, 11st 6lb (Mr. C. R. Halloran) 3

Other starters: May Lord, 11st 6lb (Mr. S. Rouse); Royal Standard, 11st 6lb, claims 5lb (Mr. E. Terry).

Betting: 6 to 4 on Belfry, 2 to 1 v De Mallion, 5 to 1 v May Lord, 12 to 1 v others.

The favourite and De Mallion were smartest off the mark, but at the end of the first furlong Belfry had his head in front of De Mallion; then at intervals of two lengths succeeded Glimmer and Royal Standard, with May Lord last. Save that Royal Standard had dropped back last while May Lord improved his position, there was no change as they raced along the back and to the bend, where Belfry was a length in front of De Mallion, with Glimmer half a dozen lengths away, and the others tailed off. Belfry was not afterwards troubled, and won easily by four lengths from De Mallion, who had Glimmer at his heels, May Lord and Royal Standard following at intervals of a dozen lengths. Time, 1m 48¾s.

FIRST NURSERY HANDICAP of 2 sovs each for starters, with 100 sovs added; second 20 sovs. 5½f.

Mr. W. T. Nowlan's b c E.L.C., by Medallion—Muta, 2yrs, 8st 2lb (R. W. Brennan) 1
Mr. M. P. B. Christian's b c Refrain, 2yrs, 8st 2lb (A. M'Crimmon) 2
Mr. W. H. Mate's br c Bynagen, 2yrs, 7st 5lb (D. Callinan) 3

Other starters: Douro, 9st 5lb (J. Barden); Woodlander, 8st 10lb (G. Osborne); Ponzano, 8st 7lb (M. Ryan); Mary Dorset, 8st 2lb (W. Bracken); Revolutionaire, 8st 2lb (F. Hickey); The Harvest, 7st 10lb (W. H. Smith); Stirrup Cup, 7st 5lb (A. E. Cornwell).

Betting: 7 to 4 v E.L.C., 3 to 1 v Mary Dorset, 10 to 1 each v The Harvest, Woodlander, Bynagen, and Revolutionaire.

The start was a very bad one, Douro, Woodlander, Mary Dorset, and Stirrup Cup being left standing, while Refrain, Bynagen, and Revolutionaire made best use of the rise of the barrier. When the half-mile post was reached, Bynagen and Revolutionaire were disputing the lead three lengths in front of Refrain and E.L.C., the nearest of their followers being eight lengths away, and so they came round the bend. Revolutionaire was showing slightly in front of Bynagen as they swung into the straight, with E.L.C. next. At the distance Revolutionaire, E.L.C., and Bynagen were almost in line, but a little further on the favourite had his head in front, and was soon challenged by Refrain, who swerved out from the half-distance, whence E.L.C. came on, and won by a length and a half from Refrain, who was nearly five lengths clear from Bynagen; Revolutionaire and The Harvest next, and Ponzano last, while Douro, Woodlander, Mary Dorset, and Stirrup Cup walked in. Time, 1m 11¼s.

CHALLENGE STAKES of 4 sovs each for starters, with 200 sovs added; second 40, and third 20 sovs. 6f.

Mr. A. Foley's br m Fashoda, by Niagara—Repentance, 6yrs, 7st 12lb (T. Clayton) 1
Mr. Albert Waugh's br h Deemster, 5yrs, 8st 6lb (A. M'Crimmon) 2
Mr. J. W. C. Hunter's b g Bowra, 5yrs, 7st 2lb (A. E. Cornwell) 3

Other starters: The Palmist, 8st 12lb (J. Barden); Simnel, 8st 9lb (D. M'Carthy); Graceton, 8st 4lb (F. Hickey); Victory, 8st 2lb (G. Selby); Mimer, 7st 11lb (K. Doyle); Jim Dorset, 7st 11lb (W. Bradshaw); Atholene, 7st 8lb (R. W. Brennan); Mohair, 7st 12lb, including 7lb penalty (W. H. Smith).

Betting: 4 to 1 v Mohair, 6 to 1 each v Fashoda and Deemster, 7 to 1 v Graceton, 8 to 1 each v The Palmist and Simnel, 10 to 1 each v Mimer and Atholene, 12 to 1 v Bowra, 16 to 1 each v Jim Dorset and Victory.

Deemster was the first to break the line, while Jim Dorset was the last to get going. When fairly on their legs Fashoda and Bowra ran past Deemster, and passing the half-mile post Fashoda was a head in front of Bowra, Mohair was a length further back, and closely followed by Simnel and Victory, with Atholene at the head of the others, and Jim Dorset a bad last. Without material change they came to the bend and turned into the straight. At the distance Fashoda was still in front, with Bowra at her girths, Mohair was two lengths further back, followed in a bunch by Simnel, Mimer, and Deemster. As they neared the half-distance Deemster came very fast, but could not catch Fashoda, who beat the son of St. Blaize by a length. Bowra was a head away, third, with Mimer, Simnel, The Palmist, and Mohair bunched a head behind the third horse, Graceton at the head of the others, while Victory, Atholene, and Jim Dorset were the last to pass the post. Time, 1m 14¼s.

CORINTHIAN STAKES of 2 sovs each for starters, with a trophy valued at 50 sovs for the winner, one of 20 sovs for the second horse, and one of 10 sovs for the third horse. 1m 1f.

Mr. J. S. O'Donnell's ch h De Mallion, by Medallion—Equation, 5yrs, 11st 1lb (Mr. J. S. O'Donnell) 1
Mr. R. O'Connor's br g Pause, 4yrs, 10st 12lb, claims 5lb (Mr. C. R. Halloran) 2
Mr. H. Bolton's b g Crisis, aged, 11st 1lb (Mr. E. Blomfield) 3

Other starters: Royal Standard, 11st 1lb, claims 5lb (Mr. W. N. Beaumont).

Betting: Even money on De Mallion, 6 to 4 v Pause, 5 to 1 v Crisis, 25 to 1 v Royal Standard.

They left in line, but ere the first furlong had been covered De Mallion took charge, and passed the seven furlongs post a length and a half from Royal Standard, after whom at half-length intervals succeeded Pause and Crisis. The favourite increased his advantage to four lengths from Royal Standard and Pause at the six furlongs post, but a little further on Pause went out in pursuit of the leader, and drew up to his girths as they came round the bend, the others being beaten off. There was no change in the run home, De Mallion holding Pause safely all the way, and beat him by nearly two lengths; Crisis was about 25 lengths off third, and a neck in front of Royal Standard. Time, 1m 57¼s.

TURF CLUB HANDICAP of 2 sovs each for starters, with 100 sovs added; second 20 sovs. 1¼m.

Mr. W. J. Day's blk g Loredano, by Gibraltar—Venetia, 6yrs, 6st 10lb (R. W. Brennan) 1
Mr. F. Foy's b m Lord Ullin's Daughter, 4yrs, 7st 1lb, including 1lb over (F. Hickey) 1
Dr. G. M. Slate's b g Lucknow, aged, 8st 1lb (W. H. Smith) 3

Betting: 7 to 4 on Lord Ullin's Daughter, 7 to 2 v Lucknow, 7 to 1 v Loredano, 10 to 1 v Talofa.

Talofa jumped off in front, and in the first furlong opened up a gap of half a dozen lengths from his followers, and held that advantage at the mile post from the favourite. Talofa increased his lead to eight lengths at the six furlongs post, but after passing that point Lord Ullin's Daughter began to close the gap gradually, and drew up level with the tiring son of Gigue at the bend. The favourite came into the straight, followed at length intervals by Lucknow and Loredano, but as they approached the half-distance Loredano came with a resolute run, and catching Mr. Foy's mare at every stride beat her by a long head at the end. Lucknow was six lengths off, third, and ten in front of Talofa. Time, 2m 8¼s.

SECOND DAY.

The anniversary reunion of the Sydney Turf Club will be continued and concluded at Randwick this afternoon, and a holiday crowd may be expected to witness the sport. The customary means of transit between the city and the racecourse will be available, trams starting from Circular Quay, via Oxford-street, and from the Railway Station, via Cleveland-street, at short intervals, while those who prefer to travel by road will be accommodated with the usual service of cabs and 'buses. The arrangements at headquarters will be similar to those in vogue on the opening day, and the sport starts at 1 p.m. sharp. Proceedings open with the High-weight Welter, in which Holophote occupies the premier position with 10st 9lb, and with that she must have a good chance, while Bowra, Gig, Atholene, and Talofa should also run well. A good race is promised, and the numbers may go up for Bowra, Talofa, and Holophote. With 13st Belfry has been allotted his full complement for the Picnic Handicap, but De Mallion, to whom the top-weight concedes 20lb, reads well, while Danny Mann, Roberts, Orchid, and Belle Marie have been left with fair prospects, and the judge may declare for De Mallion, Orchid, and Belle Marie. An interesting contest is promised for the Second Nursery Handicap, in which Douro, E.L.C., Woodlander, and Mary Dorset should play the most prominent parts, and Mary Dorset, Woodlander, and E.L.C. may pass the post in that order. The acceptors for the Anniversary Handicap number one short of a dozen, all of whom are likely to see the post. Nothos occupies the premier position, and under 9st may be trusted to run a great horse. Cato, who follows with a concession of 2lb, must be very hard to beat, while Raeburn, Ossian, Tatterdemalion, Panama, and Metal Lace have each and all been left with fair chances. A great battle may be anticipated, the brunt of which may fall to Nothos, Cato, Raeburn, Tatterdemalion, Panama, and Metal Lace, and the situations may be filled by Cato, Nothos, and Panama. The Club Handicap foreshadows a good race among Belfry, Insolence, De Mallion, Pierrot, and Pause, and the most likely to occupy the situations are Belfry, Pause, and De Mallion. The Farewell Handicap, which brings the reunion to a close, wears a very open appearance, and at the weights Marie Corelli, Deemster, Fashoda, Graceton, Trenwith, Birida, Mimer, and Red Flag seem each and all to have a fair look in, while Deemster, Mimer, and Birida may pass the judge's box in the order written. The programme is subjoined:—

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP—6f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Holophote	10	9	Talofa	8	7
Rock Harbour	10	2	Trenayr	8	7
Bulli	9	10	Mutandum	8	7
Prince's Gift	9	4	Chambary	8	7
The Shaws	9	3	Nun Nicer	8	7
Bowra	9	3	Whakatika	8	7
Atholene	9	0	Little Toy	8	7
Gig	8	12	Macrocarpa	8	7
Chamberlain	8	10	Helen May	8	7
Nymphia	8	10	Lelamina	8	7
Peaceful	8	9			

PICNIC HANDICAP—1m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Belfry	13	0	Roberts	10	7
Lucknow	12	4	Orchid	10	6
Sir Faust	11	12	Squander	10	6
De Mallion	11	8	Wait-a-While	9	7
Danny Mann	11	8	Belle Marie	9	7
Probus	11	0	Roachy	9	7
May Lord	10	7			

SECOND NURSERY HANDICAP—5f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Douro	9	5	Gwydir	7	6
Aloft	9	0	Gay Girl	7	4
E.L.C.	9	0	Shimose	7	0
Woodlander	8	10	Attack	7	0
Mary Dorset	8	2	Bluster	7	0
Lancaster Lass	8	0	Tongy	7	0
Revolutionnaire	7	10	Stirrup Cup	7	0
Bynagen	7	5			

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP—1½m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Nothos	9	0	Fireclay	7	11
Cato	8	12	Lord Ullin's Daughter	6	13
Raeburn	8	4	Panama	6	10
Ossian	8	2	Loredano	6	7
Tatterdemalion	7	13	Metal Lace	6	7
Lucknow	7	13			

CLUB HANDICAP.—1m 1f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Belfry	10	0	Pause	10	7
Insolence	12	2	Glimmer	10	7
De Mallion	11	6	Orchid	10	4
Signature	11	4	Capertee	9	12
Silver Forest	11	4	Wait-a-While	9	7
Pierrot	10	12	Crisis	9	7

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—1m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Marie Corelli	10	7	Speculum	8	4
St. Simmer	10	3	Mimer	8	2
Deemster	9	9	Ian	8	2
Fashoda	9	5	Atholene	7	12
Graceton	9	0	Spero	7	12
Lord Ullin's Daughter	8	12	Jim Dorset	7	12
Trenwith	8	12	High Collar	7	12
Cordon	8	11	Yo San	7	7
Birida	8	10	Red Flag	7	7
			High Life	7	7

THE BETTING MARKET.

There was a small attendance at Tattersall's Club on Saturday night, when the card of the Anniversary Handicap was read by Mr. G. Wood. Very little business was done, only three horses being backed, and then only for small sums. At 5 to 2 Cato was supported for £225, 100 to 10 was accepted in one hand about Raeburn, and £200 was written against Lucknow at 100 to 5. The closing prices on offer were as follows:—5 to 2 v Cato, 4 to 1 v Tatterdemalion, 5 to 1 each v Nothos and Metal Lace, 8 to 1 v Raeburn, 9 to 1 v Lord Ullin's Daughter, 10 to 1 v Ossian, 12 to 1 each v Panama and Loredano, 20 to 1 each v Lucknow and Fireclay.

At City Tattersall's Club the card was read by Mr. J. Clarke, and the following wagers were booked:—100 to 18 v Tatterdemalion, 75 to 25 v Cato, 100 to 10 v Lord Ullin's Daughter, and 100 to 10 v Metal Lace.

ASPENDALE PARK RACES.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Exceedingly hot weather was experienced for the Aspendale Park races on Saturday. The meeting was only moderately patronised. All the winners were well backed. The Aspendale Park Handicap was won easily by the favourite, Ratafia, on whom odds were laid, but on returning to scale the jockey failed to draw the weight, and the race was awarded to Cluster, who ran second. Details:—

Maiden Plate, 5f.—Mr. Elliott's Zoraya, by Bobadil—Thetis, 6st 11lb (W. Bennett), 1; Mr. Pearson's Miss Bobby, 6st 11lb (P. Marrett), 2; Dr. Spooner Hart's Black Knight, 7st (H. P. Doran), 3. Other starters: Irish Moss, 7st 9lb, Regard, 7st; Confidence, 7st; Juliette, 6st 11lb. Betting: Even money on Zoraya, 5 to 2 v Miss Bobby, 5 to 1 v Irish Moss. Won by two lengths, a bad third. Regret was last. Time, 1m 4s.

Jumpers' Flat Race, 1½m.—Mrs. Connolly's Golden Tresses, by Hindoo—Aureoline, 9st (H. A. Deeble), 1; Mr. Carslake's Speculation, 9st 4lb (B. Carslake), 2; Mr. Johnson's Short Gown, 10st (H. Johnson), 3. Other starters: Betrayer, 10st 8lb; Stopwatch, 10st 3lb; Inquisitive, 10st; Watchmaker, 8st 11lb; Malagasy, 8st 5lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v Golden Tresses, 5 to 1 v Stopwatch, 6 to 1 each v Short Gown and Inquisitive, 7 to 1 v Speculation, 8 to 1 v Malagasy. Won by six lengths, two lengths between second and third. Inquisitive was fourth, and Betrayer last. Time, 2m 24½s.

Welter Plate, 6f.—Mr. Swan's Lipscombe, by Wycombe—Mystery, 9st 1lb (W. Minter), 1; M. Tyson's Meroven, 7st 12lb, including 1lb over (W. Martin), 2; Mr. Diamond's Spoilt Girl, 8st 5lb (J. Diamond), 3. Other starters: Langwarrin, 8st 11lb; Glenallen, 8st 8lb; Unknown, 8st 8lb; New Broom, 8st 4lb; Colombo, 7st 13lb; Thoughtful, 7st 13lb; Hovers, 7st 7lb. Betting: Even money on Lipscombe, 5 to 1 each v Glenallen and Thoughtful, 7 to 1 v Spoilt Girl. Won by two lengths, a bad third. Thoughtful was fourth, and Unknown last. Time, 1m 17¼s.

Aspendale Park Handicap, 1¼m.—Mr. Townson's Cluster, by Off Colour—Geneva, 7st 11lb (W. Truscott), 1; Mr. West's Namoi, 7st 7lb (W. Minter), 2. Mr. Connolly's Ratafia, 8st 2lb (G. Murdison), disqualified. Other starter: Leonia, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Ratafia, 3 to 1 v Cluster, 4 to 1 v Namoi. Ratafia won by five lengths, but on weighing in the jockey could not draw weight, and Ratafia was disqualified, the race going to Cluster, who was two lengths in front of Namoi. Time, 2m 13s.

Steeplechase, about 2m.—Mr. Curran's Colenso, by Easy John—Dressmaker, 11st 1lb (J. L. Cox), 1; Mr. Cumming's Problem II., 10st 2lb (W. Douglas), 2; Mr. Taylor's Goyura, 10st 8lb (A. C. Scott), 3. Other starters: Swivel, 11st 8lb; Aberfoyle, 10st 3lb; Tutchewop, 9st 13lb; Gambler, 9st 10lb; Simon, 9st; Cottus, 9st; Neptune, 9st. Betting: 3 to 1 v Problem II., 4 to 1 v Goyura, 5 to 1 each v Colenso and Neptune, 7 to 1 v Simon. Won by six lengths, a bad third. Aberfoyle was fourth, and Cottus last. Gambler stopped, Neptune ran off, and Tutchewop fell. Time, 3m 52s.

Welter Purse, 6f.—Mr. Davis's Baritone, by Harmonist—Eulogy, 8st 4lb (Hitchcock), 1; Mr. Minter's Quambatook, 8st 7lb (W. Minter), 2; Mr. O'Brien's Devonport, 7st 7lb (W. Martin), 3. Other starters: Portcullis, 9st 11lb; Hibernian, 8st 7lb; Rely, 9st 2lb; Irroy, 8st 13lb; Metropolitan, 8st; Hausfrau, 7st 12lb; Clarionet, 7st 11lb; Vignette, 7st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Irroy and Baritone, 4 to 1 v Quambatook, 6 to 1 v Hausfrau. Won by a length, a bad third. Clarionet was fourth, and Rely last. Time, 1m 18s.

BRISBANE JOCKEY CLUB.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

Dull but fine weather was experienced for the Brisbane Jockey Club's races on Saturday. There was a fair attendance, and the sum of £543 passed through the totalisator. The principal event resulted as under:—

Park Handicap, 1m.—Ascot, by Buckthorpe—Bertha, 8st 5lb (Mallion), 1; Truth, 8st 12lb (Bolton), 2; Flame, 8st (Gough), 3. Other starters: Dab, 7st. Betting: 7 to 4 v Flame, 5 to 2 each v Truth and Ascot, 5 to 1 v Dab. Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 1m 46¾s. Dividend, £4.

BYROCK JOCKEY CLUB.

BOURKE, Friday.

Following are the weights for the two principal events to be run at the Byrock Jockey Club's meeting on February 3:—

Opening Handicap.—Plaintiff, 11st; Lady Randwick, 9st 12lb; Paka, 9st 7lb; Cronje, 8st 6lb; Lynette, 8st 2lb; Dante, 7st 5lb.

Town Plate.—Plaintiff, 10st 9lb; Lady Randwick, 9st 10lb; Lareena, 9st 6lb; Paka, 9st 4lb; Cronje, 8st 5lb; Lynette, 8st 1lb; Dante, 7st 5lb; Chancery, 7st 5lb.

MYALL DISTRICT JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

BULAHDELAH, Saturday.

Myall District Jockey Club's annual meeting was continued on Friday in fine weather, and with a good attendance. Results:—

Flying Handicap of 10 sovs, 6f.—Jessie Moss, by St. Blaize—Athene, 1; La Mute, 2; Mosiac, 3.

Flying Welter of 10 sovs, 7f.—Suppertime, by Lennox—Twilight, 1; Proligwyn, 2; Guardsman, 3.

Myall District Jockey Club Handicap of 25 sovs, 1m.—Jessie Moss, 1; Lachlin, 2; Mosiac, 3.

Hack Race of 5 sovs, 6f.—Prince Prosper, 1.

Forced Handicap.—Jessie Moss, 1; Suppertime, 2; Monawina, 3.

GOLF.

Several courses were occupied on Saturday with competitions. At Botany the engagements for the captain's, secretary's, and treasurer's trophies were advanced a further stage. At Killara Mr. W. C. Penfold won the silver putter competition, at Strathfield the bogey match was headed by Mr. C. Hope, and the Marrickville monthly medal was secured by Dr. F. P. Sandes. The details of Saturday's play were as follows:—

AUSTRALIAN G.C.

Captain's Trophy.—First Round (American System).
N. F. Christoe beat L. Rolin.
H. Wolstenholme beat Dr. Gillies.
Dr. Pope beat C. K. Satchell.

The order of play for the second round is:—Christoe v Gillies, Wolsterholme v Pope, Satchell v Rolin.

Secretary's Trophy.

The ties for the above resulted as follows:—

A. E. D'Arcy	87—7=80
H. Macneil	82—1=81
A. L. Mullens	97—16=81

Mr. D'Arcy has qualified, and Messrs. Macneil and Mullens, having again tied, will play off before Saturday next to qualify.

The order of play for the second round is:—Hinder v Gill, Holdship v D'Arcy, Hodgson v the winner of the tie.

Treasurer's Trophy.

W. L. Docker	100—25=75
W. Tilley	90—14=76
H. M. Cockshott	87—9=78
W. G. Dixon	87—7=80
C. H. Caswell	93—13=80
F. J. Ewens	97—17=80

The order of play for the first round is:—Docker v Cockshott, Ewens v Tilley, Dixon v Caswell.

KILLARA G.C.

Silver Putter Competition.

W. C. Penfold	90—12=78
R. Colquhoun	80 scr 80
J. Upward	96—16=80

STRATHFIELD G.C.

Bogey Match.

C. Hope, handicap 6, 2 up.
R. R. Godbolt, handicap 4, 1 up.
J. O. Armstrong, handicap 8, 1 up.
Dr. Hetherington, handicap 10, 2 down.
J. E. Ducker, handicap 14, 2 down.

MARRICKVILLE G.C.

Monthly Medal.

Dr. F. P. Sandes	95—14=81
Dr. J. P. Hill	101—20=81
E. J. Doran	94—9=85
J. E. Stokes	90—3=87
R. Aitken	96—9=87
E. Cearns	125—37=88
S. Smith	128—40=88
E. Ashdown	113—21=92

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagements for to-day are:—

Australian G.C. Competitions for captain's, secretary's, and treasurer's trophies.

Royal Sydney G.C. Match against bogey, beginning at 10 o'clock; post entries.

Marrickville G.C. Morning, bogey match; afternoon, teams' match.

Killara G. C. Morning, bogey match; afternoon, men's foursomes against bogey.

Strathfield G.C. Morning, bogey match; afternoon, foursomes.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

MOTORING IN AUSTRALIA.

The interest taken in all kinds of motoring in Australia seems to be on the increase. During the past few years the number of motor cycles and motor cars has increased by leaps and bounds until now almost every person who poses as being up-to-date is interested either directly or indirectly in the petrol-driven machine. The recent reliability trials at home have proved at least how much we may depend on an up-to-date car or cycle. Indeed, in almost every test race held in England there was not more than 5 per cent. of those who competed that failed in their object. The present Dunlop reliability contest from Sydney to Melbourne, while not a race, affords a somewhat parallel case to the trials at home. If the present contest in this country can show Australians that cars and cycles can be relied upon to perform certain journeys, there is no doubt that the use of motor cars and motor cycles will become more general amongst business and pleasure-seeking individuals in these States than hitherto.

BAD ROADS.—A REMEDY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Through your columns I would like to draw the attention of cyclists and motorists to a suggestion which I think will meet with their unanimous approval. As one hears on every hand complaints as to the bad condition of the roads around Sydney, especially from speed men, it would be a simple remedy for this state of things for the cyclists and motorists to start a subscription amongst themselves for the repair and maintenance of at least one road which would make a pleasant day's run. The road from Manly to Newport is one especially suitable for a start, as it is in very fair condition generally, and is perhaps the most popular road outside of the city. When this road is in good condition, another could be selected in the same way, until three or four decent routes could be taken for a day's trip, which could be maintained for a small cost, which would easily be covered in the saving of tyres and springs, to say nothing of one's feelings. I am, etc.,

"TEUF-TEUF."

Jan. 28.

BOWLS.

SATURDAY'S PLAY.

PENNANT AND "B" COMPETITIONS.

SECOND ROUND.

The second round of the Pennant and "B" competitions was played on Saturday afternoon, under excellent weather conditions, and with greens in capital order. As in the first round, seven matches eventuated in the pennant contest, with a result that Parramatta, St. Leonards, and Gladstone Park now drop out of the competition, they having suffered two defeats in succession. The position of the clubs is as follows:—

Unbeaten.—Petersham, Ashfield, Waverley, and Randwick.

Suffered One Defeat.—City, Manly, Victoria Park, Balmain, Annandale, Chatswood, St. George, and Strathfield.

Dropped Out of the Contest.—St. Leonards, Parramatta, and Gladstone Park.

Saturday's play was remarkable in one or two ways. In the first instance, while very few of the clubs who were beaten in the first round suffered a second defeat, yet several others were beaten on Saturday for the first time, so that, in addition to the three teams which have dropped out, we have now another eight clubs that have only one more chance, leaving but four clubs without a defeat. Another remarkable point was that the Chatswood team, who were so badly beaten by Randwick on the first day, should have defeated in the City in the second round, in three out of four rinks. Mr. Moran's quartette was the only rink able to withstand the attack of the opposition. Ashfield, who are playing an excellent game this season, got home on Saturday, with a creditable number of points to the good, against Victoria Park; so also did Randwick, in their match against St. Leonards. Waverley had rather an easy victory against Parramatta, while Petersham had all their work cut out to lower the colours of Manly. They were doing all right up to the 20th head, at which stage they had 15 points to the good, but Manly, in the next five heads, pulled up splendidly, leaving Petersham with the rather narrow majority of 5 points. Balmain, who enjoyed a bye in the first round, had to face St. George Club on Saturday. The representatives of the Illawarra suburbs proved too strong for the residents of the marine district, and they won by 30 points. The neighbouring clubs of Annandale and Gladstone Park were pitted against each other. Annandale was the successful team. With the exception of Randwick, each of the winning teams compiled over the century. Randwick went within one point of the hundred. Annandale and St. George, with 116 each, were the clubs with the highest score. Mr. Phippard's rink, of St. George Club, with 36 points, had the highest individual rink score. Strathfield Club had the bye on this occasion. The following are the positions of the clubs, from which it will be seen that the Ashfield team has scored the greatest number of points, and has a larger majority over its opponents than any of the other clubs:—

Club.	Wins.	Losses.	Points Scored. For.	Points Scored. Against.	Maj'rty of Points. For.	Maj'rty of Points. Against.	When Dropped Out.
Randwick	2	—	204	166	38	—	—
Chatswood	1	1	181	192	—	11	—
City	1	1	205	169	36	—	—
Gladstone Park	—	2	153	234	—	81	2nd r'nd.
Victoria Park	1	1	211	171	40	—	—
Parramatta	—	2	139	241	—	102	2nd r'nd.
Petersham	2	—	212	178	34	—	—
Strathfield*	1	1	79	108	—	29	—
Waverley	2	—	210	156	54	—	—
St. George	1	1	201	184	17	—	—
Ashfield	2	—	240	153	87	—	—
Annandale	1	1	187	222	—	35	—
Manly	1	1	207	187	20	—	—
St. Leonards	—	2	109	207	—	98	2nd r'nd.
Balmain*	1	1	86	116	—	30	—

*Strathfield won by a bye in the second round, and Balmain by a bye in the first round.

In the "B" Competition Manly forfeited to Petersham, and Victoria Park to Waverley. Both these clubs having also forfeited in the first round, are now out of the competition. Of the remaining clubs, the result of Saturday's play was to place the teams in the following positions:—

Unbeaten.—Hunter's Hill, Chatswood, St. George, and Petersham.

Suffered one defeat.—Warringah, Mosman, St. Leonards, and Waverley.

Dropped out of the contest.—Parramatta, Ashfield, Manly (2 forfeits), Victoria Park (2 forfeits).

Hunter's Hill was the only club on Saturday who reached the century in this contest, and as the games were three-rinked ones, the performance is highly creditable. Their opponents were certainly a weak combination, but the Hunter's Hill men have now proved that they must be reckoned with in the closing rounds. On Saturday one of their rinks, captained by Mr. J. M. Rooke, totalled 44, which was a higher score than was made by any rink in the Pennant contest. The other two rinks made 37 and 30. Another one-sided match was that between Chatswood and Ashfield. The first-named club had a larger majority than their opponents' total score. The other two matches, Warringah v St. George, and St. Leonards v Mosman, however, were more evenly contested, but St. George and St. Leonards won in the end with good majorities. The position of the clubs is as follows, from which it will be seen that in points Hunter's Hill has the lead:—

Club.	Wins.	Losses.	Points scored. For.	Points scored. Against.	Majority of pts. For.	Majority of pts. Against.	When dropped out.
Petersham*	2	—	93	52	41	—	
Ashfield	—	2	87	179	—	92	Second round
Chatswood	2	—	182	89	93	—	
Parramatta	—	2	101	207	—	106	Second round
Hunter's Hill	2	—	193	113	80	—	
St. Leonards	1	1	137	141	—	4	
Mosman	1	1	113	124	—	11	
Waverley*	1	1	53	74	—	21	
Manly	—	2	Forfeit to St. George and Psham.				
St. George*	2	—	81	54	27	—	
Victoria Park	—	2	Forfeit to Warringah and Wav.				
Warringah*	1	1	54	81	—	27	

*Waverley won by forfeit from Victoria Park in the second round, St. George from Manly in the first round, Warringah from Victoria Park in the first round, and Petersham from Manly in the second round.

The following are the details of the play on Saturday in both competitions:—

PENNANT COMPETITION.

PETERSHAM v MANLY.

These clubs met on the Victoria Park green, and after a closely-contested game, in which the board at different stages showed the score to be equal, Petersham won by 5 points. At the 20th head the winners had a lead of 15 points, but Manly in the last half-hour pulled up well. The players and their scores were as follow:—

	Pet.	M.
Louden, Cohen, Branch, Carrie	29	—
Lough, Prince, Oakes, Black	—	21
Searl, Dr. Purser, Rowley, Strong	24	—
Wagg, Hannam, Hind, Nightingale	—	27
Thompson, Fleet, Law, Bradbury	32	—
Custer, Norris, Maybury, Byrne	—	19
Cropper, Holmes, Litchfield, Morgan	19	—
Hosking, Robey, Wright, Badmington	—	32
Totals	104	99

Half-hour Scores.—Petersham, 12, 43, 66, 91, 104; Manly, 18, 37, 65, 76, 99.

WAVERLEY v PARRAMATTA.

Waverley and Parramatta met on the City green. Waverley won in each rink, and finished up with a majority of 41 points. The following were the rinks and totals:—

	W.	P.
Morrison, Parsons, Donaldson, Wahlberg	31	—
Grainger, Robilliard, Henderson, Finlayson	—	18
Fairweather, Rummell, Eveston, Fitzgerald	28	—
Grimes, Waugh, Byrnes, Dr. Brown	—	19
Gelding, Martin, Kondio, Evans	24	—
Williams, Fullagar, Laver, Coates	—	18
Hall, M'Leod, Irvine, Harris	29	—
Tunks, Jago, Pollock, Mason	—	16
Totals	112	71

GLADSTONE PARK v ANNANDALE.

Gladstone Park and Annandale met on the St. George Club's green at Rockdale, and the result was a rather easy win for the latter, by 31 points. Annandale won in every rink but one; in that they were a tie, both rinks scoring 24 points each. The details were as follow:—

	A.	G.P.
Rose, Clark, F. Young	25	—
M'Kinley, Dingwell, Crane	—	21
Seymour, White, Settree, Burns	26	—
M'Credie, Turville, Miller, Clapham	—	22
Tulloch, Gibbs, Bowry, Davis	24	—
H. Jesson, Prentice, Batty, T. Jesson	—	24
Parker, Freebairn, Upton, J. Young	21	—
Williams, Boyd, Waterman, Cox	—	18
Totals	116	85

CHATSWOOD v CITY.

Played at Waverley, and won by Chatswood by 14 points—103-82. Scores:—

	Ch.	City.
R. Y. Smith, Marr, Jago, Hoskings	24	—
M'Lean, M'Laughlin, Myles, Hall	—	25
Reed, Hurst, Chapman, T. T. Forsyth	19	—
Marks, Howard, Lewis, Moran	—	22
Aubin, Usher, Lees, Wilkie	27	—
Lyon, Anderson, Dickenson, Widerstrom	—	24
Leplastrier, Stevens, Gartrell, Young	21	—
Young, Connop, Hardy, Forsberg	—	16
Totals	101	87

Half-hour scores: Chatswood: 17, 44, 61, 78, 101. City: 16, 34, 59, 79, 87.

ASHFIELD v VICTORIA PARK.

Played at Randwick, and won by Ashfield by 21 points—103-82. Scores:—

	A.	V. P.
Turner, Pope, Blundell, J. Harrison	23	—
Wilkie, M'Kenzie, Brocklehurst, Lassen	—	20
Titcombe, Watson, Schofield, Sheather	29	—
Willings, Trivett, Rigg, Batson	—	17
Hopson, Bayliss, J. C. Harrison, Moses	29	—
Bladwell, Johnston, Huenerbein, Hogue	—	18
Cary, Mortley, Davies, Lawrence	22	—
Pritchard, Horricks, Abrams, Taft	—	27
Totals	103	82

RANDWICK v ST. LEONARDS.

Played at Chatswood, and won by Randwick by 13 points—99-86. Scores:—

	R.	St. L.
Coulter, Oatley, Raffan, Gordon	22	—
Read, Carter, Marshall, Jervis	—	20
Crouch, Hedges, Sledge, Spohn	31	—
Mayo, Clews, Binney, Pearson	—	17
Fuller, Lewis, Howe, Forsyth	27	—
Smith, Thompson, Hobson, Arthur	—	15
Service, Kinnane, Whittle, Goodwin	18	—
Walker, Ebert, Groth, Hillier	—	28
Totals	99	86

"B" COMPETITION.

HUNTER'S HILL v PARRAMATTA.

Hunter's Hill defeated Parramatta on the Petersham green by 64 points, winning in every rink by a substantial majority. Scores:—

	H. H.	P.
Newman, Springhall, Booth, J. Rooke	44	—
Paul, Linsley, Robilliard, Marsden	—	16
Bowlke, T. Rooke, Cornish, Sutton	37	—
Macqueen, Simpson, Drewett, Meggitt	—	15
Henderson, Wallis, Neale, Aspinall	30	—
Hunt, Ford, Meade, Pearce	—	16
Totals	111	47

ST. LEONARDS v MOSMAN.

St. Leonards defeated Mosman, on the Ashfield green, by 12 points after a well-contested game. Scores:—

	St. L.	M.
Cook, Mitchell, Fox, Glacken	15	—
Noble, Smith, Thompson, Johnson	—	20
Donaldson, Moore, Hogg, Larkin	32	—
Hoskings, King, M'Donald, Gordon	—	20
——, Atkins, Reid, Perry	24	—
Markey, Williams, Pinnington, Doutty	—	19
Total	71	59

ST. GEORGE v WARRINGAH.

This match was played on the Annandale green, and was won by St. George by 27 points. Scores:—

	S. G.	W.
Franks, Davis, Anderson, Cooper	30	—
Munro, Cunningham, Jacob, Alderson	—	15
Brome, M'Diarmid, Brothwood, Reed	38	—
Denyer, Stimson, Cook, Ainslie	—	12
O'Brien, Gibbons, Price, Pemell	13	—
Bingham, Cabban, Lunn, Irving	—	27
Totals	81	54

CHATSWOOD v ASHFIELD.

Played at Hunter's Hill, and won by Chatswood by 51 points—86-35. Scores:—

	C.	A.
Woolnough, Maddocks, Ford, Spanswick	39	—
M'Donald, Swan, Dupain, Robertson	—	15
S. H. Green, Petrie, Crawley, R. T. Forsyth	25	—
St. Clair, Hodgson, Bell, Mitchell	—	11
Nixon, M'Lean, Harding, W. C. Faskett	22	—
Elphinstone, Reid, Bolster, Searle	—	14
Totals	86	35

HUNTER'S HILL v MOSMAN.

Played at Mosman, and resulted in a tie. Scores:—

	H. H.	M.
Jackson, Barrett, Dr. M'Kenzie, Thompson	25	—
Abeell, Story, Scott, Lloyd	—	24
Colonel Wigram, Buck, M'Clure, Richardson	28	—
Warren, Young, M'Neilly, Brooks	—	17
P. M. Rooke, Captain Edie (sub.), Sherborne, Adnam	16	—
Bowman, Seivers, Colquhoun, Small	—	28
Totals	69	69

ST. GEORGE v BALMAIN.

Played on Manly Green, and won by St. George by 30 points; 116 to 86. Scores:—

	B.	St. G.
Dr. Kelly, H. Selfe, Murdoch, Crump	19	—
Butchart, Louden, M'Clure, Larbalestrier	—	22
Steele, M'Culloch, Elder, Dr. Wilson	22	—
Marsden, Dr. M'Leod, Thornley, Phippard	—	36
Brodie, Newton, Cohen, Reeder	25	—
Hinwood, Kenwood, Roseby, Bromwich	—	31
Selfe, Murphy, Fitzsimmons, Easton	20	—
Pittman, Taylor, Kinsela, Hyndman	—	27
Totals	86	116

WOONONA v VICTORIA PARK.

A team from the Woonona Club will to-day visit Sydney as guests of the Victoria Park Club, and will be liberally entertained by their hosts, who have arranged for a lunch in the pavilion at 1 o'clock, and as several ladies are to accompany the South Coast team the lady friends to the home club will muster and provide afternoon tea.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

A new bowling green at Toowong was officially opened yesterday by Mr. J. Muir, president of the Queensland Bowling Association, in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

WEST MAITLAND, Sunday.

The Maitland and Waratah "B" teams played on the Maitland green on Saturday afternoon, the last-named winning by 69 to 56 points. Scores:—

	M.	W.
Howitt, Johnston, Silk, Pender	14	—
Cornish, Skelton, Moroney, Kidd	—	21
Fry, Hills, Poulton, Galton	21	—
Derkeune, Asher, Henderson, Jacobson	—	20
Seward, Bolk, Ahern, Gash	21	—
Markham, Gillespie, Hancock, Owen	—	18
Totals	56	69

LAWN TENNIS.

BEXLEY PRESBYTERIAN CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the above club the following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, Alderman W. Taylor; vice-presidents, Messrs. Stevenson and Mills; secretary, Mr. J. C. Gordon; committee, Misses I. M'Leod, R. Taylor, R. Palmer, Messrs. R. M'Clure and A. M'Diarmid; selection committee, Miss I. M'Leod, Mr. D. M'Millan, and Mr. J. C. Gordon.

COOMA, Saturday.

At the annual meeting of the Cooma Lawn Tennis Club, the following officers were elected:—President, Dr. Harrison; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. C. Ryrie, F. H. Galbraith, and Dr. Paton; treasurer, Mr. G. S. Shepherd; secretary, Mr. N. B. Rotton.

CRICKET.

CENTENNIAL PARK COMPETITION.

Standard, eight for 122 (Clarke 30) v Verona 71, including 15 handicap.

Double Bay Wentworth, 94, v Iolanthe, four for 75, including 25 handicap (J. Rogers 26 not out).

Coastal Farmers, 141, v Epacris, one for 62, including 15 handicap (E. Francis 24 not out).

Glammis, 105, including 10 handicap (C. A. Allen 38), v Thelma. Hall secured five wickets for Thelma.

St. John's, 105, including 40 handicap, v Waverley-Waratah, one for 98.

Woollahra Albert received forfeit from B.A.A.

St. Mary's received forfeit from Singer and Co.

THE TEST MATCHES.

Mr. F. S. Jackson, the Yorkshire amateur, speaking at a cricket dinner, referred to the test matches, and said that the question was whether or not it was advisable to make some alteration in the arrangement as to tossing for choice of innings. He had always thought that in the test matches the toss played a very important part. If it was agreeable to both sides he thought the toss should be before the first match and that the side winning should have choice of innings. In the three following matches the choice of innings should alternate, but in the fifth engagement there should be a fresh toss. This arrangement, if adopted, would, he thought, tend to equalise matters, and would probably prove to be a good thing, although there might be some argument against it of which he was not at present aware. Personally, he had considerable doubt whether the Australians would like to banish the very good fortune which had attended them in past years in the matter of choice of innings. If such an innovation were adopted he believed it would involve an alteration in the laws of cricket, which now provide that the choice of innings must be decided by tossing. A general meeting of the M.C.C. might therefore have to be called, and whether such a meeting would pass the alteration or not he did not know. He (Mr. Jackson) should have liked to see the proposal tried in th test matches, and he believed that if it were tried, it would probably find its way into county matches.

In the Public Schools Competition Forest Lodge defeated Darling-road by 35 runs. Forest Lodge, three for 101 (innings closed), Ferguson 27, Murray 28 not out, Flyod 25 not out. Darling-road, 66; Sims 25. For Forest Lodge, Boland took three for 7, Murray three for 9, Floyd three for 10.

MATCHES IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

In A grade cricket yesterday, Woolloongabba met Valley. The firstnamed made 162 runs (E. R. Crouch 51). Valley lost one wicket for 63 (C. Morgan 44 not out). North Brisbane batted all the afternoon, losing eight wickets for 201 (J. Leahy 68), against Toowong. Toombul made 181 (Cheeseman 50) against Nundah, first innings 15 runs, second innings 22 for one wicket. In Nundah's first innings Miller took eight wickets for 4 runs. South Brisbane, first innings, 44 runs; second innings, 18 for three wickets. Oxley, 57 runs.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

Gehrs left on Saturday to join the Australian Eleven in Melbourne.

COOMA, Saturday.

Cooma Cricket Club, 147 (S. Goodwin 47), defeated the Monaro District Public school teachers. First innings, 72 (McDonald 23 not out); second innings, 101.

PENRITH, Sunday.

In the Nepean district competition on Saturday, Railway "A," first innings 222 (A. Payne 54, H. Payne 48), met Penrith "A," first innings 65. J. Lathlam secured four wickets for 7; C. Howell, four for 24.

FOOTBALL.

The Metropolitan Rugby Union will, at a special general meeting on Friday evening next, consider the advisability of appointing a paid secretary, the salary not to exceed £180 per annum. It is likely that the committee will be authorised to take steps to recognise the services of Mr. C. Matthews Drew, on his retirement from the position of hon. secretary of the union.

At the same meeting, the admission of a new club styled St. George F.C. will be moved.

A conference between the New South Wales Rugby Union and country delegates will commence at the Hotel Arcadia this morning. Matters to be considered are the Rawson Cup and interunion competitions, public schools football, country week carnival, employment of coaches, and other items of interest appertaining to next season's programme.

SAILING.

PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB.

THE HORDERN CUP.

Cooya, sailed by her owner, easily accounted for the race for Commodore Hordern's Cup, which was competed for under the auspices of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon in delightful weather. There were nine starters, a very interesting race resulting, both as a whole and for the many pretty little bits of sailing when a couple of the yachts got together and fought a duel. Sunbeam performed remarkably well over the latter part of the course, eventually securing a comfortable second, Janet came with a rush at the finish and cut Oenone out for third place. The wind was evidently on the light side for Culwulla, as she did not show to advantage. The limit boat Apache was caught early in the race, finally retiring. The club steamer, Lady Hampden, carried a large complement of visitors, whose comfort was well looked after by the secretary (Mr. L. H. Wyatt). Torzillo's band discoursed some enjoyable music. Mr. F. W. Donovan was in his usual position as commodore of the day. Messrs. S. M. Dempster (vice-commodore) and E. W. Heywood acted as timekeeper and starter respectively.

Particulars of the race are:

Cooya, A. W. Beach, 10m, £10 10s 1
Sunbeam, A. W. Crane, 1m, £4 4s 2
Janet, J. A. Muston, 3m, £2 2s 3

The other starters were:—Culwulla, W. M. Marks, scr; Fleetwing, C. T. Brockhoff, 1m; Magic, A. C. Saxton, 8m; Ku-Kuburra, A. E. Cutler, 10m; Oenone, A. R. Marks and C. H. Reading, 12m; Apache, E. W. Barker, 22m.

A nice east-north-east wind was blowing, and the tide had just commenced to ebb when the first boat was started at 2.30 p.m. All got away pretty well to time, Fleetwing, Magic, and Ku-Kuburra getting the best of their co-markers. The interest at first lay in the boats that had been paired in the handicaps, the couple that made the best race of it were perhaps Janet and Magic, first one had the ascendancy, and then the other would hold the lead. Sunbeam and Fleetwing had a good "go," too. Working down the tide was used for what it was worth. Oenone was moving freely and fast, catching Apache, while Cooya was steadily reducing the lead of both. Off Obelisk Bay, Oenone, passing Apache to leeward, took the lead, which she held until passing Middle Head, where Cooya picked up a fine slant, which she made the most of. Oenone's skipper missed the chance, consequently losing pride of place. Ku-Kuburra was moving nicely, and soon had Apache tucked under her lee. The wind had lightened up a little. All, with the exception of Apache, had their topsails aloft. Cooya was sailing well in the smooth water in Manly Cove, rounding the buoy with a nice lead, the times squaring away at the mark being:—Cooya, 3h 44m 10s; Oenone, 3h 45m 14s; Ku-Kuburra, 3h 47m 46s; Magic, 3h 52m 53s; Fleetwing, 3h 53m 48s; Janet, 3h 54m 6s; Sunbeam, 3h 54m 45s; Apache, 3h 56m 40s; Culwulla, 3h 57m 3s. By the foregoing times it will be seen that Cooya had outsailed the whole fleet, catching those ahead of her and increasing her distance from those astern. Notwithstanding that Cooya got a couple of lifts up, her owner can take credit for a very good performance. Spinnakers were carried square for the run to Shark Island. Sunbeam and Janet were coming down the wind very fast. Janet passed Fleetwing and Magic, Sunbeam slipping by the trio. Ku-Kuburra had almost caught Oenone, and the pair had materially reduced Cooya's lead. Jibing at Shark Island the times were:—Cooya, 4h 18m 12s; Oenone, 4h 19m 43s; Ku-Kuburra, 4h 20m 4s; Sunbeam, 4h 24m 42s; Janet, 4h 25m 40s; Magic, 4h 25m 50s; Fleetwing, 4h 25m 56s; Culwulla, 4h 29m 27s; Apache not timed. On the lead to Fort Denison Ku-Kuburra passed Oenone. Fleetwind drew away from Magic. Hawling a-wind they were timed:—Cooya, 4h 34m 8s; Ku-Kuburra, 4h 36m 18s; Oenone, 4h 36m 34s; Sunbeam, 4h 39m 28s; Janet, 4h 40m 19s; Fleetwing, 4h 41m; Magic, 4h 41m 24s; Culwulla, 4h 44m 49s. Magic came round the fort in good style, making a perceptible gain on Fleetwing, which craft's mainsheet was not flattened in, letting Magic get the weather gauge. Cooya was sailing remarkably well, but Sunbeam was going one better, gaining about one minute on the leader and running into second place before reaching the pile-light. Magic passed Oenone, which boat overstood at the mark, letting Sunbeam cut her out. The times squaring away were:—Cooya, 5h 11m 38s; Sunbeam, 5h 15m 22s; Oenone, 5h 15m 50s; Ku-Kuburra, 5h 16m 26s; Janet, 5h 17m 4s; Magic, 5h 18m 41s; Fleetwing, 5h 19m 9s; Culwulla, 5h 21m 40s. It will be seen that Cooya and Culwulla had covered the distance from mark to mark within one second's time of each other. On the run to Shark Island and the lead home Cooya maintained her position, although Sunbeam closed upon her. Janet was coming up fast, a great race to the finish ensuing between Oenone and Janet, the latter getting third place on the post. The times crossing the finishing line were:—Cooya, 5h 41m 38s; Sunbeam, 5h 43m 6s; Janet, 5h 45m 49s; Oenone, 5h 45m 57s; Ku-Kuburra, 5h 46m 51s; Magic, 5h 48m 2s; Fleetwing, 5h 48m 38s; Culwulla, 5h 50m 53s. Cooya thus wins by 1m 28s, and is entitled to hold the Hordern Cup for the year. A condition of the race was that the competing craft must be steered by their owners. Mr. Beach is to be complimented on the way he handled his boat.

SYDNEY AMATEUR CLUB.

The Sydney Amateur Club sailed two handicap races on Saturday afternoon, with the following results:—

A Class.

Brothers II. (C. Trebeck), 8m 1
Adelphi (M. A. H. Fitzhardinge), scr 2
Varuna (A. Spain), 4m 3

Other starters:—Mischief, scr; Miranda, 3m; and Taipo, 6m. Eva finished 35s ahead of Adelphi, as the following times crossing the lines show:—Eva, 5h 35m 45s; Adelphi, 5h 36m 20s; Varuna, 5h 36m 35s; Miranda, 5h 37m 20s; Mischief, 5h 37m 55s.

B Class.

Brothers II. (C. Trebeck), scr 1
Kurnell (R. C. Miller), 2m 2
Netta (A. L. Graham), scr 3

These were the only starters. The finishing times were:—Brothers II., 5h 32m 40s; Kurnell, 5h 33m 20s; Netta, 5h 34m 15s.

SWIMMING.

AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

ONE HUNDRED YARDS.

WON BY HEALY.

KERAN WINS THE HALF-MILE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Australasian championship competitions took place [illegible] at the St. Kilda Baths, in the presence of a large assemblage. In the hundred yards championship Healey won by a yard from Wickham (N.S.W.) and Galey (Q.), who made a dead heat for second place, with Hetherington (Q.) close up fourth. In the half mile championship there were six starters, viz., Keran (N.S.W.), Matson (W.A.), Springfield (Q.), Shippen, Robb, and Clegg (Vic.). Keran won by 80 yards in 12m 14 3-5s. Springfield, despite the impossibility of overtaking the leader, swam with great determination, and finished second.

Open Handicap, 50yds.—First heat: A. Gofford, 1; L. D. Harry and J. R. Burston, dead-heat for second place. Won by a foot. Time, 21s. Second heat: A. W. Anderson, 1; H. Meck, 2; M. Mecking and M. O. Markellie, dead-heat for third place. Won by a couple of yards. Time, 24s. Third heat: V. W. Taylor, 1; L. F. Crane, 2; E. Piggin, 3. Won by a foot. Time, 24s. Fourth heat: E. Jenkins, 1; F. S. Downing, 2; G. Campbell, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 23s.

One Hundred Yards Championship.—Won by Healy (N.S.W.), with Wickham (N.S.W.) and Galey (Q.) dead-heat for second place; Hetherington (Q.), 4. Nine started. Healy led almost from start to finish, winning by a couple of yards from Wickham and Galey, who were just clear of Hetherington, with Keran next. Time, 57s. This will equal the world's record.

100 Yards Open Handicap.—First heat: A. Gofford, 16s, 1; A. V. Coutie, 11s, 2; G. Crook, 15s, 3. Won by a foot. Second heat: D. Galley (Queensland), 3s, 1; H. A. Brown, 11s, 2; A. Doran (Western Australia), 7s, 3. Won by a yard. Final: Galey (Q.), 1; Doran (W.A.), 2; Crook (Vic.), 3. Galey finished with dash, and won on the post. Time, 1m 1s.

Ladies' Bracelet, 100yds handicap.—T. Murray Johnstone, scr, 1; M. O. Markelie, 11s, 2; F. Piggin, 6s, 3. Won by 2yds.

St. Kilda Solicitors' Race, 100yds.—W. Bennett (Western Australia), 1; W. Claringbold, 2; O. K. Snowball 3. Won by a yard. Second heat, 50 yards: Claringbould, 1; Snowball, 2; Bennett (W.A.), 3. Time, 32 4-5s.

Open Handicap, 50yds.—Final: E. Jenkins, 1; H. Mecks, 2; J. W. Anderson, 3. Won by a foot.

Diving, open handicap.—M. Blake, 1; J. W. Ebber, 2; A. Cartes, 3.

Half-mile Championship of Australasia.—Kieran (N.S.W.), 1; Springfield (Queensland), 2; Shippen (Victoria), 3. Kieran took the lead from the start, and steadily increased it, winning by a lap from Springfield, with Shippen one-third of a lap off third. Clegg, of Ballarat, was a quarter of a lap away, fourth. None of the others finished. Shippen was disqualified for not touching the rope commencing the last lap, and Clegg was placed third.

BALMAIN CLUB.

R. R. CRAIG WINS WESTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

The twenty-third annual championship carnival of the Balmain Swimming Club was held at the Elkington Park Baths on Saturday afternoon in delightful weather. The sport provided was interesting, but the attendance, owing no doubt to numerous counter attractions, was disappointing. R. R. Craig, as was generally expected, won the 100yds Championship of the Western Districts, with C. M'Gregor second, close up, and Ratgens third. Results:—

Club Handicap, 60yds.—First heat: C. Ratgens, scr, 1. Second heat: L. B. Hart, 5s, 1. Third heat: W. J. Watson, 5s, 1. Fourth heat: A. Young, 5s, 1. Fifth heat: P. M. Loutit, 3s, 1. Final: Loutit, 1; A. Young, 2; Hart, 3. A good race. Time, 40s.

Interclub Fancy Costume Race, 66yds.—A. Young won the race, and S. Rohu secured the prize for best costume, that of a snake charmer.

Interclub Teams Relay Race, 264yds (each man to swim 66 yards—one lap).—First heat: Pyrmont No. 1 (R. Buckle, A. Beck, O. Dickman), 15s, 1. Time, 2m 27s. Second heat: Gladstone No. 4 (H. Dalley, R. Wynch, S. Law), 12s, 1. Time, 2m 24s. Third heat: Drummoyne No. 2 (F. C. Clare, G. A. Widmer, T. Taylor), 16s, 1. Time, 2m 20s. Fourth heat: Balmain No. 6 (A. Verney, A. Latta, R. Hughes), 17s, 1. Time, 2m 11s. Final: Randwick-Coogee came in first, with Drummoyne No. 2 second, and Balmain No. 6 third. Drummoyne No. 2 protested against Randwick-Coogee (who were not mentioned on the programme) on the ground that they did not win their heat, and the matter will be referred to the N.S.W. Swimming Association for decision. The time for the final was 2m 23 2-5s.

Championship Water Polo Competition.—East Sydney met Enterprise in this event and proved in every way superior, scoring six goals to nil. N. Martin, R. Martin, and H. Baker scored two goals each.

Throwing the Polo Ball Competition.—Martin (East Sydney), 66ft.

100yds Championship of the Western Districts.—R. R. Craig (Mort's Dock), 1; C. M'Gregor (Balmain), 2; C. Ratgens (Balmain), 3. Time, 1m 4 2-5s.

The Albatross Club gave a clever exhibition of trick and fancy diving. The sport concluded with an interclub cigar and balloon race, which was won by P. M'Nally, of Mort's Dock.

SOBRAON CLUB.

A 50yds handicap was held under the auspices of the Sobraon Swimming Club at the Biloela Island baths on Saturday. Results—heat winners: E. Bell, B. Booth, M. Shannon, W. Taylor, D. Pridow, C. Petersen, C. Wyley, J. Puren, C. Howie. Semi-final—first heat: Bell. Second heat: Pridow. Third heat: Howie. Final: Pridow, 1; Booth, 2; Bell, 3. Time, 40s.

EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

The results of the 100yds and 66yds handicaps, held on Saturday at the Bronte baths by the above club were as follow:—

100yds Handicap.—First heat: H. Wood, 29s, 1; D. Brown, scr, 2; W. Martin, 20s, 3. Time, 1m 22 2-5s. Second heat: J. Ryan, 7s, 1; W. Miley, 8s, 2; F. Corrigan, 10s, 3. Time, 1m 13s. Third heat: W. Ryan, scr, 1; G. Bailey, 6s, 2; R. Corrigan, 13s, 3. Time, 1m 9 1-5s. Fourth heat: W. Duff, 13s, 1; J. Tonkin, 12s, 2; W. Brown, 15s, 3. Time, 1m 18s. Final: Wood, 1; Duff, 2; Ryan, 3. Time, 1m 31s.

66yds Handicap.—First heat: H. Ward, 1; W. Shaw, 2, J. Ernest, 3. Time, 53 1-5s. Second heat: J. Kerr, 1; A. Scully, 2; W. Johnson, 3. Time, 60s. Final: Shaw, 1; Ward, 2; Kerr, 3. Time, 1m 2 2-5s.

BONDI CLUB.

A 150yds handicap was decided by the above club at the Bondi Baths on Saturday. Results:—

First heat: G. Bell, 11s, 1; C. Riva, 15s, 2; Morphew, 20s, 3. Time, 2m 30 2-5s. Second heat: A. H. Coulson, 19s, 1; S. Beaumont, 27s, 2; J. Blumer, 15s, 3. Time, 2m 9 2-5s. Third heat: H. Massey, 16s, 1; E. Dean, 20s, 2; H. Watts, 9s, 3. Time, 2m 5 2-5s. Final: Massey, 1; Riva, 2; Dean, 3. Time, 2m 5 2-5s. A very close finish.

SYDNEY LADIES' CLUB.

The above club held its usual series of trophy races at Farmer's Baths, Rushcutter Bay, on Saturday. Results:—

50yds First Grade Handicap.—Miss E. Stocks, 9s, 1; Miss D. Rohrsen, 17s, 2; Miss F. Puckeridge, 6s, 3. Time, 38s.

50yds Second Grade Handicap (breast stroke).—Miss A. Laurent, 3s, 1; Miss B. M'Lean, scr, 2; Miss G. Thwaites, 4s, 3. Time, 56s.

50yds Third Grade Handicap.—First heat: Miss B. Geddes. Second heat: Miss L. Elliott. Third heat: Miss K. Maher. Final: Miss Maher, 1; Miss Geddes, 2.

ENTERPRISE CLUB.

The finals of the 45yds and 450yds handicaps, the heats of which were decided on the previous Saturday, were swum off recently. In the latter handicap, C. N. Smith, the club champion, though unsuccessful in winning his heat, established a new record for the club. His time for the 450yds was 5m 50s. Following are the results:—

45yds Handicap.—A. Williams, 10s, 1; F. Cummins, 6s, 2; A. Northwood, 7s, 3. Time, 31 4-5s.

450yds Handicap.—E. Beech, 110s, 1; E. Phillips, 90s, 2; C. N. Smith, scr, 3. Time, 7m 31s.

ROCKDALE CLUB.

A 100yds handicap was held at the Brighton Baths, Brighton-le-Sands, on Saturday afternoon by the above club, and resulted as follows:—

First heat: M. Wilson, 18s, 1; H. Burtt, 18s, 2; A. Briggs, 29s, 3. Time, 1m 25s. Second heat: G. Gerrard, 19s, 1; J. Hawkes, 17s, 2; J. Dickie, 6s, 3. Time, 1m 25 2-5s. Third heat: A. Spring, 21s, 1; D. Wannan, 18s, 2; C. Braithewaite, 20s, 3. Time, 1m 26 1-5s. Fourth heat: J. Green, 16s, 1; E. J. Tidmarsh, 10s, 2; F. Allen, 24s, 3. Time, 1m 21 4-5s. Final: J. Green, 16s, 1; A. Spring, 21s, 2; G. Gerrard, 19s, 3. Time, 1m 23 2-5s.

MARCUS CLARK CLUB.

An 80yds handicap was held on Thursday night at Coogee Baths and resulted as follows:—Heat winners: D. J. M'Callum, 2s; C. H. Harvey, 5s; H. Coutts, 7s; W. Hall, 1s; W. Welch, 5s; A. Welch, 7s. Final: H. Coutts, 7s, 1; H. J. M'Callum, 2s, 2; W. Hall, 1s, 3. Time, 1m 5 1-5s.

PADDINGTON BICYCLE CLUB.

The above club swam off a 50yds handicap at Farmer's baths on Saturday afternoon, which resulted as follows:—First Heat: E. Bestel, 3s, 1; Gus. Fowle, 4s, 2; time, 35s. Second Heat: A. O'Brien, scr, 1; C. Birchall, 2s, 2; time, 33s. Third Heat: H. Fallick, 2s, 1; J. Fowle, 4s, 2; time, 34s. Final: A. E. O'Brien, scr, 1; H. Fallick, 2s, 2; E. Bestel, 3s, 3; time, 33s.

WEST MAITLAND, Sunday.

The West Maitland Amateur Swimming Club held a 30yds handicap at Sempill-street Reserve on Saturday afternoon. There was a good attendance of spectators. The heat-winners were:—A. Mitchell (2s), S. Woods (1s), G. Wilks (10s), G. Lambly (2s). In the final G. Wilks won easily, Woods and Lamble being close together 10yds away.

INTERNATIONAL BOXING.

ENGLAND v FRANCE.

The Eden Palace, which is situated close to the Place de la Republique, Paris, is certainly an ideal venue for boxing contests (says the London "Sportsman"). It reminds one more of a swell cafe concert, barring, of course, the centre platform upon which the English and French amateurs met to uphold the honour of their respective countries in the noble art of self-defence. Seven members of the Belsize Club accepted the invitation of the French sportsmen to oppose seven amateurs from the ranks of the Salle Bayle, the leading boxing academy of Paris. The English team arrived in Paris early on the morning of the event, and, judging by the show they made, were none the worse for their all-night journey. Long before the advertised time of opening crowds of people assembled before the entrance of the Eden Palace, and at a few minutes past 9 the large hall was packed with a very select gathering, the fair sex, even in the seats around the ring, being very conspicuous. As was anticipated, the Englishmen proved victorious, and the way in which they were cheered by the French crowd when they displayed any special points was certainly very encouraging. The results were:—

A. H. Horner (England) beat A. C. Williams (France).
Erielmch (France) beat Dickson (England).
G. A. Hearsay (England) beat F. A. Vernon (France).
R. A. Sparks (England) beat Loys (France).
L. Graham (France) beat R. H. Moore (England).
A. Murdoch (England) beat A. C. Williams (France).
J. W. H. T. Douglas (England) beat Sans (France).

TRADES AND CUSTOMS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of Customs officers was held at the Exchange Hotel, Sydney, on Friday night for the purpose of forming an association to bring together the Customs officers of the State, who number about 300. There was a large attendance, and the association, which is to be termed the Trades and Customs Association of New South Wales, was duly formed. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. R. J. Griffin; vice-president, Mr. E. G. L. Lumsdaine; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Anderson; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. A. Stanley; council, Messrs. R. Riddell, G. E. Firmidge, M. Hudson, Prendergast, and R. E. Ewing; auditors, Messrs. E. J. Trouton and H. C. N. Lawson.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

SCHOOLS OF ARTS.

BLACKHEATH, Saturday.

The application of the committee of the School of Arts for a portion of the reserve opposite the railway station for the site of a building for the institution has been approved. A meeting of lady members and friends of the School of Arts was held on Friday, and it was decided to hold a bazaar and art exhibition to raise funds for the erection of the building.

GLEN INNES, Friday.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Red Range School of Arts the treasurer's balance-sheet showed a credit of £3 10s. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Mr. J. Cameron; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Ballard and G. Marshall; secretary, Mr. A. Cooma; treasurer, Mr. H. Peters; committee, Messrs. W. Pettit, R. Peters, G. Marshall, M. Ryan, A. Thorpe, A. Potter, J. Carney, A. Taylor, and F. Fox.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The 99th half-yearly meeting of the West Maitland School of Arts was held to-night. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The receipts for the half-year amounted to £221 6s 11d, and the expenditure to £236 [illegible] 11d, leaving a debit of £15 11s, which is well covered by subscriptions due. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. J. W. Harbison; vice-president, Mr. J. Pritchard; secretary, Mr. C. S. M'Donald; treasurer, Mr. A. C. Baker; committee, Messrs. G. F. Cummins, W. A. M'Donald, J. Douglas, T. Lethbridge, P. Fenelly, W. R. Kerr.

THE CHURCHES.

INVERELL, Friday.

The Scottish fair, organised by the Inverell Presbyterian Church, closed last night. Amongst the articles displayed were boxes of heather from the Duchess of Fife and Lady Duff. The fair was well attended, and the proceeds amounted to about £300.

TENTERFIELD, Sunday.

The Church of England fancy fair and industrial exhibition closed on Friday night. The total takings amounted to about £90.

MUNICIPAL.

YOUNG, Friday.

The work of the Borough Council for the year shows a net profit of £551 19s 4d, and in addition, about £300 arrears of rates will be payable by February. The Borough Council loan of £14,000 that was floated 15 years ago in debentures bearing 5½ per cent. interest matured on December 31. During its currency the debt was reduced to £9500, and the council floated a new loan of £5000, which was readily subscribed at 4½ per cent. interest.

BELLINGER HEADS, Saturday.

The export of hardwood timber during the week amounted to over 250,000ft. Large quantities are still awaiting shipment.

In consequence of the absence of a dredge the greater portion of this timber had to be lightered over the crossing to enable vessels to load.

BOWRAL, Friday.

An entertainment, organised by Mrs. C. W. Marsden, in aid of the funds of the local hospital and the School of Arts, and given with much success last week, was repeated last night, before a crowded audience. A number of Sydney visitors assisted. The total proceeds of the two entertainments amount to about £67.

GOULBURN, Saturday.

At the annual meeting of the local branch of the Political Labour League Mr. R. J. Tisdale was re-elected president, and Mr. F. W. Yates secretary. The report stated that the membership of the branch had more than doubled during the year.

GRAFTON, Saturday.

The steamer Pyrmont is being withdrawn from the Clarence to the Brisbane trade.

MIRANDA, Thursday.

The village of Miranda was en fete this afternoon, the occasion being the opening of the new School of Arts, the foundation stone of which was laid some few weeks back by Mr. J. H. Carruthers. Mr. F. W. A. Downes, member for the district, who performed the opening ceremony, apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. O'Conor, Minister for Public Instruction. A vote of thanks to Mr. Downes was proposed by Mr. Mowle, and seconded by Miss Wilkinson, and carried by acclamation. The new building, which is of wood on stone foundations, is 36ft x [illegible], and is situated on a commanding position.

TOWAMBA, Saturday.

Athletic sports were held here to-day, proving most successful. The Sheffield Handicap was won by H. Tasker, jun. In the Opening Handicap H. Tasker was successful; Miners' Handicap, J. Blake; Farewell Handicap, H. Fairweather. A ball was held at night.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

SOME BIG SCORING AT RANDWICK.

Weather conditions were favourable for tall scoring at Randwick range on Saturday afternoon, the wind blowing steadily from the north-east, and the light being beautifully clear.

Considering it was an off day, a fair amount of shooting was done. A really fine sustained effort was the 95 out of the possible [illegible] in 20 shots at 800 yards, by J. Campbell, of the North Sydney Club. J. Orr, of the same club, got two less. Q.M.-sergeant R. L. Smith, of the Engineers, hearing of Campbell's performance, set himself out to beat it if possible, 800 yards being his best range. Limiting himself to 15 minutes, he scored 94—a very good attempt. At medium distances, Colour-sergeant Adams [illegible] put on a pair of 34's, and Private S. Edwards, the Australian Rifles champion, got 32, 34—66.

Details:—

North Sydney Club.—Opening shooting for the N.R.A. medal, 20 shots at 800 yards.—J. Campbell 95, J. Orr 93, E. G. Diddams 90, R. C. Dawson 87, J. [illegible], F. Tame 84, W. Paterson 84, J. J. Mathison [illegible], [illegible] Mackenzie 81, J. R. Whinfield 79, J. B. Thompson [illegible], A. Beattie 75.

Naval Brigade Club.—Shooting at 900 and 1000 yards.—A. B. Urquhart 30, 26—56; [illegible] Hendy, 29, [illegible] 55; L.S. Willis, 31, 24—55; A.B. Fenn, 32, [illegible]; A.B. Cutler, 30, 15—45.

Engineers' Club.—Shooting at 900 and 1000 yards.—S. Sergeant Fantlin, 27, [illegible]; Company Sergeant-Major Firman, 31, 26—57; Sapper Powell, 29, [illegible]; Corporal French, 26, 25—51.

1st Regiment Club.—The opening shooting for the March quarter was held at 500 and 600 yards for the A men and at 200 and 300 yards for the B class. Best A class scores:—Private M'Ilson, 32, [illegible]; Private Battishall, 32, 29—51; C.-sergeant Turner, [illegible] 30—60; L.-corporal Mowbray, 30, 29—59; Private Smith, 29, 29—58; Private Ellis, 30, 28—58; Q.M.-sergeant Draper, 27, 30—57; Captain Armstrong, 29, [illegible]; Sergeant Seymour, 24, 32—56; Private Cochrane, [illegible]—55; Private Thompson, 27, 28—55; Sergeant Thomas, 28, 27—55; Sergeant Hazell, 26, 28—54; Private Draper, 26, 28—54; Private Woodhams, 26, 27—53; Corporal Woods, 27, 24—51; Sergeant Murray, 29, [illegible]; L.-corporal Harnett, 26, 24—50. B class: Private Gibbons, 29, 22—51; Private R. Jones, 27, 23—50; Private King, 24, 22—46; Private A. Wiggs, 27, 18—45.

H Company, 1st Regiment Club.—First shooting of the quarter at 500 and 600 yards.—Colour-sergeant Adams 34, 34—68; Lieutenant Keane, 34, 30—64; Sergeant Cox, 36, 24—60; Lieutenant Herring, [illegible]; 59; Private Orr, 27, 28—55.

2nd Regiment Clubs.—The first shooting of the quarter were held. A Company at 200 and 300 yds.—Colour-sergeant Pettigrew, 33, 29—62; Corporal Cotton, [illegible] 29—59; Corporal Pettigrew, 30, 26—56; Sergeant [illegible] 27, 25—52; Sergeant Farrow, 22, 28—50; C Company at 1500 and 600 yards: Sergeant Paine, 29, [illegible]; Sergeant-major Paine, 31, 23—54; L.-corporal [illegible] 33, 20—53; Lieutenant Coyle, 24, 25—49; Private [illegible]man, 25, 24—49. D Company, at 200 and 300 yards: C.-sergeant [illegible], 31, 24—55; Sergeant Mackay, [illegible]—54; Corporal Mullis, 28, 25—53.

Randwick Club.—A number of members held a shooting at 500 and 600 yards, the best results being:—A. W. M'Callum, 3?, 32—64; E. W. Hearne, [illegible] 63; W. Poole, 32, 30—62; G. R. Greig, 33, 29—62; [illegible] Green, 34, 28—62; G. Leggo, 31, 29—60; A. J. Thorp[illegible] 32, 28—60; A. Barnes, 30, 28—58; W. Graham, [illegible]—56; C. Fisher, 24, 31—55; M. Maney, 28, 26—54; [illegible] Martin, 24, 29—53.

Tramway Club.—Shooting at 500 and 600 yards.—C. L. Cooper, 33, 30—63; M. Donnellan, 35, [illegible]; C. G. Staff, 33, 27—60; F. G. Hornman, 34, [illegible]; A. R. Harding, 27, 23—50.

Sydney Club.—The annual meeting was held last week. The club, after paying away nearly £40 in prizes, during the year held a credit balance of £[illegible]. H. Lawson was elected captain, B. Cousins hon. secretary, E. Hookey hon. treasurer, and G. Coulcher, [illegible] Falk, Geo. Douglass, and R. Trulock the committee. The annual prizes were won as follows:—Best four shootings, each at 200 and 300, 500 and 600, 800 and 900 yards: H. Harvie 743, B. Cousins 742, H. Pickett [illegible], H. Lawson 729, R. Trulock 725. Mr. F. Cortese's special prize for best 12 shootings off the rifle was won by H. Harvie with 745 points, whilst E. Hookey won Mr. W. H. Stephens' trophy for best four scores at 500 and 600 yards, with 259. G. Coulcher and R. Trulock also secured trophies for best four shootings at 800 and 900 yards, and 200 and 300 yards respectively.

N.R.A. Competitions.—The following are the draws for the fifth round of the A, B, and C grade competitions, set down for next Saturday:—

A grade (800 and 1000 yards): Sydney v South Sydney, Australian Rifles v North Sydney, Naval Brigade v Parramatta, Western Suburbs a bye. Randwick receives a forfeit from Police.

B Grade (500 and 600 yards): Tramway v Randwick B, Naval Brigade B v Western Suburbs B, North Sydney B v Australian Rifles B, Parramatta B v [illegible] Rifles.

C Grade (500 and 600 yards), concluding round: Australian Rifles C v Randwick C, Cadet Force v North Sydney C, St. George's Rifles v Civil Service Rifles. The most exciting fixture will be that between Randwick B and Tramway, the only two unbeaten clubs in B grade. The winners should take the medals. If St. George's Rifles win their match they should secure the C grade trophies.

The rifle range will be open to-day (Anniversary Day). The North Sydney men are putting in their annual musketry course, and a team from Wollongong Artillery will compete against the local artillerymen.

A branch of the Railway and Tramway Ambulance has been formed amongst members of the Tramway Rifle Club.

The South Coast Rifle Association's annual prize meeting will be held at Kiama, commencing on February 16, and closing on February 18.

The first meeting of the new N.R.A. council will take place on Wednesday night, when a chairman, hon. treasurer, and executive will be appointed for the current year.

The N.R.A. has taken over the control of a number of recently-fitted lockers in the School of Musketry at Randwick range, and riflemen can now be accommodated with one on application to Lieutenant Dobbie.

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The land has 24ft frontage to the west side of Brougham-street, with a depth extending to a lane.

Lot 3. REDFERN.—LEASEHOLD HOUSE, No. 132 WALKER-STREET, of brick, front cemented, verandah and balcony, 4 rooms, kitchen, and washshed. Land 13½ft frontage, by a depth of 127ft.
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Lot 4. LEWISHAM.—FREEHOLD LAND, 61ft to PARRAMATTA-ROAD, with depth of 90ft to 99ft. On part is erected No. 554 Parramatta-road, a SHOP and Dwelling, of brick and weatherboards, awning in front, and containing 6 apartments.

Lot 5. CROYDON.—FREEHOLD LAND, 2 ACRES 3 ROODS and 7 PERCHES, corner of Croydon-road and Church-street. On part of the former frontage is erected an old Cottage, of brick, verandah, 4 rooms.

Lot 6. FOREST LODGE.—The Official Assignee's Interest in BULIMBA HOUSE, corner of Catherine and Seymour streets, during the life of Mrs. Sitta Macnamara.

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W. A. BROWN,
Acting Secretary.

THE WEIGHT OF THE CROWN.

BY FRED. M. WHITE.

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CHAPTER XXXII.—Continued.

Lechmere produced his copy of the "Mercury" and flattened it on the table. Then he handed it to the queen. She waved the sheet aside impatiently, she could not read to-night, her eyes were too heavy.

"Let us have the pith of it," she said. "I am curious to know what it all means."

Lechmere proceeded to read the article aloud. It was well done, and the insinuations it conveyed were worse than the actual truth. For instance, it was not boldly said that the King of Asturia had visited the offices of the "Mercury" in a state of intoxication, but it was shrewdly inferred. The brutal, callous indifference of the whole thing was most strongly marked. The king had abdicated his throne, he cared nothing for his country or what his subjects thought of it. Here was an article calculated to arouse the greatest sensation in Europe. The queen was not slow to see the danger of it.

"But the thing is all a lie," she cried. "It is impossible. We know that the king has not left Merehaven House since dinner-time. And this interview is stated to have taken place later. Is this what your journalism is coming to in this country, Mr. Lechmere?"

"Not our journalism, Madame," Lechmere said coolly. "No English daily paper would have been so depraved and unpatriotic as to print that interview without consulting some Minister of State. As a matter of fact the 'Mercury' is American, it is published to sell, it is the pioneer paper floated to capture the cream of our press. Hunt has no scruples."

"But he has invented the whole thing," the queen said. "It is a dastardly fraud."

"No," Lechmere said calmly. "No doubt somebody called on Hunt and told him that story. I believe Hunt to be genuinely under the impression that he had the honour of the confidence of the King of Asturia. In a way he has been hoaxed with the rest."

"If we could only prove it," the queen said under her breath. "If we could only prove it."

"I hope to be able to do so within the next half hour," Lechmere went on in his cool way. "I have a pretty shrewd idea what has taken place. In a measure we have to thank the little scheme planned out between this young lady here and her double, Miss Vera Galloway. It suggested an idea to Countess Saens. And fortunately for her the material was at hand. After all said and done the editor of the 'Mercury' could only have seen the king in the most casual way, and he would be easily imposed on. In the circumstances, he would be quite ready and even eager to be imposed upon. The fact that the whole affair subsequently proved to be a hoax would not in the least disturb Hunt. He would get his sensation and his extra copies sold, the mistake itself would be forgotten in a day or two."

"But not in Europe," the queen cried. "By to-morrow Europe will be ringing with that vile lie. The telegraph will be put in motion, our enemies will see that it is promptly reported from one end of Asturia to another. Once the lie is floated on the stream of public opinion we shall never catch it up again. The whole thing has been engineered with the deliberate intention of ruining us. What can we do?"

"What man can do I have already done," Lechmere said. "The thing will be contradicted and proved to be a lie by the 'Herald' newspaper, to whose editor I have told everything. The two papers will start fairly, the one with the lie and the other with the truth. And as you know the 'Herald' is looked upon as a respectable journal. The telegraph that flashes the news for the one will flash the refutation for the other. And I have taken an extremely bold step. The 'Herald' to-morrow will be responsible for the announcement that so far from resigning his crown, King Erno of Asturia has started already by a series of special trains to Asturia. Madame, you will see that this is done?"

CHAPTER XXXIII.

A gleam of admiration flashed into the eyes of the queen. Here was a man after her own heart. And Lechmere had done marvellously well. True, he could not stamp out the lie, he could not prevent the thing being reported from one end of Europe to another, but he could refute it. The mere fact that King Erno had started for Asturia would naturally create a great impression.

"It shall be done," the queen cried. "I will go back to Merehaven House and fetch the king. He shall travel without delay under the care of Captain Alexis. I would that I had another trusty friend to accompany him, but it seems to me that I need you all in London."

"You do not need me, Madame," said Maxwell earnestly. "I mean you don't need me here. For the moment the good friends you have here will suffice. It is necessary that I should be out of the way for a time, and nobody would guess where I have gone. Let me go to Asturia."

The Queen thanked Maxwell with a look of gratitude from her dark eyes. Then she turned to Lechmere. "How can all this travelling machinery be put in motion so quickly?" she asked.

"Fortunately you have come to the right quarter for information," Lechmere said. "As an old queen's messenger, there are few services for getting over the ground that I do not know. Before now I have been despatched at a minute's notice to the other end of Europe with instructions to reach my destination in a given time. In an hour or so, the programme will be complete. I will see to the special train to Dover and the special steamer to cross the Channel. After that it is a mere matter of using the cables. If the King does not care to undertake the journey——"

The queen laughed in a strange metallic fashion. Her eyes were gleaming with intensity of purpose.

"The king is going," she said between her teeth. "You may be quite sure about that. If he declines, or shows the least infirmity of purpose, he will be drugged and taken home that way. He will show himself in the capital. A manifesto will be issued directly he gets there. There is one thing yet to be done."

The queen paused and looked significantly at Lechmere. He smiled and shook his head.

"I know exactly what your majesty means," he said. "It is useless for us to take all this trouble if we are to be confronted with a mystery which will enable certain people to say that the King of Asturia is still in London. I have taken a step to entirely obviate that business. If your majesty has a few minutes to spare I shall be able to render your mind easy on that score."

The queen expressed her willingness to stay, and Lechmere left the room. He paused to light a cigar in the corridor and don his overcoat again. Then he walked casually to the outer door of the next suite of rooms and strolled calmly in. The second door of the suite was locked, and Lechmere gently tried the handle.

"So far so good," he muttered. "There is another door into the corridor leading to the back stairs. I need not worry about the back stairs as my ferret is there. If the thing were not serious, what a fine comedy it would make! Now for it!"

Lechmere tapped smartly on the door, a murmur of voices within ceased and the door was opened and showed the face of Prince Mazaroff himself. He turned a little pale as he saw Lechmere and stammeringly asked what the latter wanted. Lechmere laughed in an irritating kind of way.

"Well, that's pretty cool," he said. "I come to the suite of rooms of my friend Bevis to smoke a cigar and I find you here demanding why I come. Is Bevis here?"

"No, he isn't," Mazaroff said curtly as he came into the front room, and closed the door behind him. "And, what is more, he is not likely to be in. I have a friend in there if you must know."

Mazaroff grinned with an assumption that Lechmere could understand that the situation was rather a delicate one. But Lechmere knew better than that, for the voice in the inner room had been unmistakably that of a man. But it served the purpose of the old diplomat to let the thing pass.

"Very well," he said, "I will take your word for it. But where is my friend Bevis?"

"I haven't the remotest idea where your friend Bevis is, or where he has got to," Mazaroff said with a sneer in his voice. "Bevis is a young man who has lately outrun the constable. He inferred to me that he was going to retire to the country for a time. He offered me this little place on my own terms, and I am to give it back to our friend if I get tired of it. It is a more swagger 'pied a terre' than my own, and I jumped at the chance. Now you know everything."

Lechmere nodded as if perfectly satisfied, though he did not know everything by any means. He sat down and helped himself to a cigarette to Mazaroff's annoyance. But Lechmere appeared not to see it. He had his own game to play, and he was not to be deterred.

"I want to have a little chat with you," he said. "We shall never get a better chance than this. I want, if possible, to enlist your sympathies on the side of the Queen of Asturia. If I could gain your assistance and that of Madame Saens I should be more than satisfied."

(To be continued.)

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LOCOMOTIVES.

OFFER TO BUILD LOCALLY.

BY A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIRM.

CRITICISMS BY THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

A MINISTERIAL MINUTE.

One of the most important reports that has ever emanated from the management of the New South Wales Railways has been received by the Premier from the Railway Commissioners. Though dealing primarily with the question of the local manufacture of locomotives, and giving a comparison of the cost of engines built within the State with that at which they could be obtained from abroad, the document covers even a wider area. It sets out clearly and forcibly the manner in which the management of the railways will be affected from a commercial point of view if the Railway Commissioners are compelled to pay interest on locally made engines costing considerably more than those obtainable from abroad. Hence the criticisms of the Commissioners on the offer of Messrs. James Martin and Co., of Gawler, South Australia, to build engines in this State for the Railway Department are of considerable significance to the public in general and the railway employees in particular.

It should be explained that a long time after tenders closed for the manufacture locally of 60 engines required by the Railway Commissioners, Messrs. James Martin and Co. submitted an offer to build 30 passenger and 30 goods engines at the Gawler works for £338,400. A subsequent offer fixed the price at £321,600, or £5360 per engine, which will be reduced by a Commonwealth rebate of £100. Prior to this the other offers were:—

Fitzroy Dock, per engine	£5212
Clyde Engineering Company, per engine	£6023
G. and C. Hoskins, per engine	£6091
Eveleigh Workshops, estimated cost	£5371
Tender from German firm	£4084
Tender from English firm	£4625

As the offer made by the South Australian firm looked well on paper, it was asked to state whether it was prepared to carry out the work in New South Wales. Mr. J. F. Martin waited upon the Premier nearly a fortnight ago, and had a conversation with him on the subject. Mr. Martin expressed the willingness of his firm to establish works here and produce the locomotives at the price mentioned provided he was given a guarantee that 120 engines would be taken. In response to the Premier's request, Mr. Martin submitted his offer in writing. It duly came to hand, and was forwarded by the Permier to the Railway Commissioners with a request that they would furnish him with their opinions. Those officers have done so in the following terms:—

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

"We have carefully considered Messrs. James Martin and Co's. offer, dated the 19th inst., to construct in New South Wales 120 locomotives—half known as the 'P' and half as the 'T' classes—for the sum of £643,200, from which, according to their letter of November 8 last, £100 per engine would be returned by the Federal Customs.

"That would make the net cost of the 120 engines £631,200, or £5260 each.

"After making allowances for the Customs duties on imported locomotives that figure is £1236 2s 6d per engine higher than the tender we quite recently accepted for the building of only 20 locomotives by the Baldwin Locomotive Company, of Philadelphia, and is in excess of the lowest and highest tenders received from British builders for the same number of engines—in both cases the most expensive to construct—by the respective sums of £851 8s and £549 5s per engine.

"It is reasonable to assume that if the British and American builders had been tendering for 120 instead of 20 engines their prices would have been lower, perhaps considerably lower than those submitted, but taking the figures as they are before us it will at once be seen that on 120 engines Messrs. Martin and Co., would be getting £148,575 more than the Baldwin Company's price; and £102,168 or £65,910 more than the lowest and highest British tenderers respectively.

"Four per cent. on these amounts represents an annual loss of £5943, £4087, or £2636 respectively for all time, even after the locomotives have run their lives and been thrown on the scrap heap.

"Even if Martin and Company's tender were one which could be recommended, it is confidentially believed that they could not begin to build locomotives locally for at least 12, perhaps 18, months.

"In connection with the previous tenders for 60 locomotives it was ascertained that the tenderer would turn out three engines per annum for the first two years, four engines per annum for the next four years, and the balance at the rate of six for each succeeding year.

"For 60 engines to be delivered in six years from date of acceptance of tender, it is estimated that the number of men employed would be: For the first year 70, for the second year 120, and for each of the succeeding four years 223 men.

"As nearly as can be estimated the wages for all kinds of tradesmanship and labour on the 120 engines would amount to about £287,400, and assuming that 10 engines were delivered per annum, the contract would extend over 12 years.

"The information acquired by Mr. Kirkcaldie during his recent travels in Great Britain and America will not, it is feared, materially assist towards a settlement of the question of building engines locally, owing to the different conditions existing in those countries. In Great Britain the principal railway companies build most of their locomotives, but some of them are now considering whether it would be to their advantage to have them built by firms who make locomotive building their particular business. In America it has always been the practice of the railway companies to obtain their locomotives from the Baldwin and other locomotive works, where this class of manufacture is, for the purpose of meeting the extensive requirements of the American railways, made a speciality.

"In all shops in both countries, however, the bonus or piece work system, and in some cases both, prevail to a very large extent, as they also do in the other States of Australia, and it is also a common practice for one man to attend to more than one machine. But, according to the evidence taken by the Royal Commission on locomotive building, about nine months ago, the trades-unions of this State have determinedly set their faces against both piece work and bonus systems, and also asserted the principle of 'one man one machine.'

"It is, therefore, absolutely impossible to build locomotives in New South Wales in anything like reasonable competition with these countries; instead of increasing the burdens of the railways by an undue inflation of the capital account, and paying for all time an increased annual interest, with practically nothing to represent it, we would most strongly advocate a continuation of the policy of purchasing locomotives in open market, which is so immensely advantageous as compared with all local tenders, and the expenditure of the money so saved in cutting down gradients on the existing lines, so lessening working expenses and improving the net financial results of the railway system as a whole.

"It is in this direction that the truest economy and the soundest management can be shown. Fewer engines would be required, and the more it would be possible to control the general expenses of transit. That is unquestionably what a private company would do. At one point in America, Mr. Kirkcaldie saw a deviation being carried out at a cost of £300,000, to get rid of a grade of 1 in 100 and substitute 1 in 400, and he ascertained that enormous sums are spent every year in this direction.

"Unless some such course is followed here, it is inevitable, if the railways are to pay their way, that rates and fares will ere long have to be increased, and possibly salaries and wages reduced, because for the last three years we have had to report serious deficits towards meeting working expenses and interest, and this has been largely due to the fact that traffic conveyed at low rates has been growing (due principally to agricultural and mining development), and, it may be taken for granted, will continue to grow, out of all proportion to the ordinary merchandise traffic, on which higher rates are charged, thus practically rendering it impossible to make ends meet, unless economies are effected in the way suggested.

"In this connection it should be specially mentioned that the trend of public demand is at present in the direction of the reduction of the already low rates on all classes of agricultural produce, with which there is no possibility of complying, unless the expenditure can be materially reduced. Indeed, the inevitable must follow, as described in the foregoing paragraph, if in the promotion of the local manufacture of engines, and in other directions, the railway expenditure is unnecessarily increased.

"Instead, therefore, of largely increasing the capital of the railways, by an expenditure which we have shown would not in any way tend to economy, it would, in our opinion, be more desirable that the large sum (£148,575) represented by the difference in cost of locomotives locally manufactured, as compared with the cost of those imported, should be made available for cutting down gradients. If this were done, we could begin works almost at once, which would return, by economies in working, not less than 10 per cent. upon that sum under existing conditions, and as the traffic increases the economies would increase proportionately.

"In this way a much larger number of men than would be engaged in locomotive building could be profitably employed for some years to come, and the State would reap, for all time, the benefit of their work.

"It will be gathered from our remarks that we cannot recommend favourable consideration of Messrs. James Martin and Co.'s tender to manufacture locomotives in the State, notwithstanding that it is £475 per engine lower than the price the Clyde Engineering Company would be prepared to accept for an increased number of engines, as per the evidence given before the Royal Commission (page 43), and £251 per engine lower than the estimate of the chief mechanical engineer for engines built at Eveleigh, neither of which proposals were we, on a former occasion, able to recommend for adoption.

(Signed)
CHARLES OLIVER, Chief Commissioner.
DAVID KIRKCALDIE, Commissioner.
W. M. FEHON, Commissioner."

A LACONIC MINUTE.

The Premier appended the following minute to the report:—"It will be seen from the foregoing that the local tender, viz., of the Clyde Works, is £1713 higher than that of the Baldwin Company, or for 60 engines, £102,780 more, and that the total employment given only provides work for 223 hands, or equal to a bonus of £460 per man. In other words, the State can buy in the open market the engines it requires at a price which would enable it to save sufficient money from the local price to make a present of £400 to each of the 223 hands in the local works, and then have £13,380 to spare."

IRON TRADES COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Iron Trades Council of New South Wales was held at the Trades Hall to consider the present aspect of the locomotive question. The following resolutions were carried:—

1. "That the Iron Trades Council regret the action of the Premier in regard to the locomotive question, and request him to give the same concessions offered to Martin and Co., of Gawler, South Australia, to firms established here." 2. "That a public meeting be held as soon as possible to take into consideration the action of the Government re the locomotive contracts." 3. "That each society represented on the Iron Trades Council, together with the Labour Council, be asked to send delegates to a meeting to be held at the Trades Hall on February 15 to arrange the necessary details for a public meeting."

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE.

The annual gathering of the members of St. Andrew's Cathedral Young Men's Institute was held on Friday evening, in the Cathedral schoolrooms, Pitt-street. The function took the form of a mock banquet, and proved a great success. The Rev. C. E. Amos, the president of the institute, was in the chair, and members of a number of kindred societies were present. The society's membership has increased during the year. It was first formed in 1885, but was subsequently disbanded. In 1892 it was re-formed, and has continued to progress since that date. A lengthy toast list was honoured, the various toasts being interspersed with musical items. The contributors to an enjoyable evening were the Misses Butler, and Messrs. T. Robinson, W. Cherry, H. R. Crane, C. W. Wright, and A. Amery.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

RANDWICK ASYLUM.

The annual report for the year 1904 of the directors of the Society for Destitute Children, Randwick, was submitted to a meeting held on Friday in the main hall of the institution. Mr. John Macpherson, president of the institution, was in the chair. The chairman, in commenting upon the report, said that there were 150 children in the institute at present, and there was sufficient accommodation for 300, but owing to the lack of funds the directors had been compelled to refuse admission to numerous applicants. For 19 years the asylum had been carried on without financial aid from the Government. Since the foundation of the institution over 5000 children had passed through it, and it was gratifying to be able to state that less than 5 per cent. of that number had turned out badly. The health of the inmates during the year had been good, and for the past 16 years only one death had been recorded. It was pleasing to note that the public were beginning to realise more readily their responsibilities towards the institution, as subscriptions had increased to some extent.

Several other speakers addressed the meeting, and after votes of thanks had been passed to the chairman and others, Mrs. Macpherson distributed prizes to the children. The following were elected:—As vice-presidents, Messrs. John Forsyth and W. T. Waters; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Robertson; and Messrs. H. W. Hammond, H. Hicks, W. Houston, and F. O. Furner were elected to fill the vacancies on the board.

ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of contributors of the Royal North Shore Hospital was held in the boardroom on Thursday, when the annual report to the end of last year was submitted. The report showed that the accommodation, especially in the female ward, had failed to meet the demands made upon it, necessitating delay in admission in several cases. There had been an increase over last year of 119 patients treated, the total number being 612. Of these 423 were discharged cured, 79 relieved, 22 unrelieved, and 35 died, leaving 43 under treatment at the end of the year. The average daily number resident had been 43. A slight excess in income over expenditure was shown in the working account, and donations and subscriptions had also improved; but the committee points out, however, that as there is imperative need for an additional female ward, heavy expenditure will have to be met in the near future. The following have been elected office-bearers for 1905:—President, Mr. J. R. Carey; trustees, Messrs. J. R. Carey, T. E. Creswell, M.L.A., R. Forsyth, J. Barre Johnston; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Forsyth, T. E. Creswell, M.L.A., M. W. S. Clarke, P. C. Trebeck; hon. auditors, Messrs. T. W. Macro, G. F. N. Bode; committee, Mesdames T. R. Dibbs, C. J. Royle, M. W. S. Clarke, T. E. Creswell, Dalton, Messrs. G. Maiden, J. St. V. Welch, F. Smith, T. Burton Gaden, R. C. Forsyth, D. H. Gilfillan, C. F. Bailey, J. W. Eaton, Brooks, J. Carter, Alec. Thomson.

ADELAIDE AND THE MAIL SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Some members of the Federal Government seem to try to make it hard for me to render any service to the public convenience, as it is the desire of the managers of the Orient-Pacific line to do in the difficult position created by recent events. On my arrival from Melbourne this morning I read with much chagrin the remarks of Sir Josiah Symon regarding the diversion of the Oroya from her proper homeward route. It was solely out of regard for the innumerable interests with which the line has for many years maintained most friendly relations that I decided upon this diversion, so that the steamer might embark a week's mails for England, Europe, and the East. It is discouraging, therefore, to find oneself charged by a Minister of the Crown first with the insincerity of pretending the thing that was not intended, and then with the pusillanimity of shirking the fulfilment of the fancied threat. Knowing Sir Josiah Symon's professional ability I cannot believe that he has read the contract which he is reported to have interpreted so differently from my comprehension of it. I beg of him the favour of such a perusal, and shall ask no questions as to his subsequent opinion. But in the meantime I appeal to him for a more generous appraisement of honest effort to bridge a gulf that lies across the path of Australian progress.

Another question is presented by a report in this morning's paper of an interview with Mr. Watson, who animadverts upon Mr. Reid's statement that the so-called white labour clause of the Postal Act has led to the impending unfortunate interruption of the weekly mail communication oversea. Mr. Watson quite correctly cites my own assurance to him that the extra cost of white labour was the occasion of no material proportion of the increased subsidy required for the maintenance of the Orient-Pacific fortnightly service. But this by no means disposes of Mr. Reid's contention. Mr. Reid evidently bases his argument upon the breach of the partnership between Australia and the United Kingdom, under which the latter negotiated on the joint account for such mail services as would maintain regular weekly communication. This was the basis of the contracts which are just expiring, and just as under these contracts the Imperial Post Office undertook by far the heavier share of the total burden of cost, so, had the partnership been continued, no doubt the Imperial Post Office would have similarly been content to assume the greater portion of the increased payment shown to be necessary by the proved inadequacy of the remuneration under the old contract of the Orient-Pacific line.

Cutting the painter, as was entailed by the enactment of the Postal Act with regard to coloured British subjects, on the contrary involved the assumption by the Commonwealth single-handed of the whole of the increased payment, and it is here that I would submit for the consideration of Mr. Watson and of the public that Mr. Reid is right in attributing to the Postal Act the difficulty which now faces the commerce of Australia.

In this connection I may be permitted to call attention to the fact that in mitigation of the expense of a new contract with my company, the Commonwealth would receive from the Imperial Post Office, from France, Italy, and Egypt, and from Ceylon, Postal Union poundage rates on all mail matter carried by the line from the United Kingdom and those countries. This reimbursement, I understand, is estimated at not less than £25,000 a year.

I am, etc.,
DAVID ANDERSON,
General Manager in Australia.

Sydney, Jan. 28.

INTERSTATE CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES V. VICTORIA.

HOME TEAM 421, VISITORS TWO FOR 126.

MODERATE SCORING.

GILLER AND RANSFORD PUT ON 107.

The concluding first-class match of the present Australian season was advanced another stage on Saturday. The attendance was about 8000, and the weather was pleasant, a cool "north-easter" tempering the heat of the sun. When stumps were drawn on Friday New South Wales had lost four wickets for 240, on Saturday the innings closed at 421, and time was called with two Victorians out for 126. During the day 307 runs were registered, and the general verdict was that the cricket was dull. Time was when that many runs would be considered a good day's return, but the vigorous New South Wales batting of recent years has led the public to regard any number short of, say, 350, as poor progress. There was nothing remarkable about the play, it was just consistent. There was no three figure score in New South Wales' 421, but, with the exception of Duff, all got into double figures. The Victorians started inauspiciously losing M'Alister for eight, but on the colt Ransford joining Giller a partnership of 107 followed. Ransford's display created a very favourable impression. He is a sound left-hander, and already has a big knowledge of the game. With an increase of experience should come more versatility and power. Giller was solid without enterprise.

As the Australian Eleven are due to leave for New Zealand on Wednesday, it has been decided to make a start at 11.30 to-day instead of noon, and probably the same arrangement will hold good to-morrow.

THE PLAY.

No rain fell after five o'clock on Friday evening, and consequently the wicket was in good condition, though perhaps on the slow side. The rolling of the wicket, as agreed upon by the captains, on Friday after the rain had the effect of removing inequalities in the turf caused while the surface was moist. Gregory 13 and Johnson 2 resumed to the bowling of Laver and Armstrong. Johnson brought forth a cheer for beautifully cutting Laver for four, all run, and then for a time the two batsmen amused themselves, and the spectators, by sneaking singles, mostly off Armstrong for placings on the off.

McLEOD HURT; SMART WORK BY SCOTT.

These singles, assisted by four for an off drive off a no-ball from the slow bowler, advanced the Australian Eleven man to 25, and at 262 Laver retired in favour of Collins. One run later Gregory hit a ball with great force to McLeod, close in behind the batsman, and the fieldsman received a severe body blow, which suspended play for five minutes. On resuming Gregory cut Collins to Scott, who fielded brilliantly with the left hand, and returned to the wicketkeeper before Johnson could make good his ground. The retiring batsman made a hesitation between the wickets when he saw the ball in Scott's hand: perhaps, had he gone right through the attempted run from a New South Wales point of view might not have had an unfortunate ending. Johnson batted with more ability than most people thought possible. He showed possession of good strokes and defence.

WICKETS FALL QUICKLY.

On being joined by Waddy Gregory scored freely. Collins sent down four maiden overs, and then off the fifth Gregory registered nine, and got to 40, at which he pulled a short one from Armstrong into Laver's hands at "silly" short leg. He was in for 1h 12m for his runs, which were got in fine form.

Waddy now had Duff for a companion, but the latter was beaten and bowled by Collins when eight with a ball which came fast from the off, and the seventh wicket was down for 295. Kelly became associated with Waddy, who was batting effectively, though Collins just failed by the narrowest shave to disturb his wicket with a ball similar to that which brought about Duff's retirement. The 300 was presently hoisted, the time occupied over the runs being 5h 36m. Warne was tried in place of Collins, whose one wicket had cost 62, and a little later Giller displaced Armstrong—two for 86. Waddy's best scoring efforts were his leg strokes, made off a fairly good length ball, and with sufficient power to yield four. At luncheon the total was 343—Waddy 34, Kelly 17.

WADDY CAUGHT BEHIND THE WICKET.

On resuming after lunch the crowd had increased, and eventually reached just on 8000. Armstrong changed ends, and Giller went at the southern end. The first ball of Giller's opening over proved fatal to Waddy, who, in trying to effect a cut, was caught behind the wicket by Carkeek. Waddy was 59m getting his 35, and the eighth wicket was down for 345. Kelly, on being joined by Garnsey, got runs by original strokes, and when the total was 360 he had 29 to his credit.

KELLY'S HALF-CENTURY.

When facing Giller, Kelly hit at almost everything pitched up or short, and though the action was not always sufficiently elegant to call forth congratulations, the efforts brought runs. Giller no doubt expected to secure the wicket any moment, still the runs mounted up, and the bowling was changed, Collins taking Armstrong's end at 375. Garnsey was batting confidently, if not scoring rapidly, and Kelly had got to 46, so Laver relieved Giller at 383, and this change should have met with good results, for Giller missed Kelly at mid-off off a hard hit straight at him. The New South Wales wicketkeeper was then 42. The next stroke should have yielded but one; Scott, however, allowed the ball to get past him to the boundary. The next was "squarelegged" also to the boundary, and the last of the over was lifted out to Scott, who held the catch at the second attempt. Kelly was in for 1h 24m for 50, which included six fours. It was a vigorous innings, but though there was no chance offered until 42, it was scarcely a display to set as a model for young players. It was hitting by a man out of form. His pulls to square leg were, however, brilliant.

END OF THE INNINGS.

The ninth wicket fell at 398. Cotter brought up the 400 (4h 59m). The new-comer created a sensation. He hit Collins for three fours and a two, off one over, and against Laver brought his tally up to 21, then M'Leod gave him fresh life, off his own bowling—he had relieved Collins. But in the same over M'Leod clean bowled Garnsey for 16, Cotter being not out 21, and the total 421. The innings lasted 5 hours 10 minutes, and was over at 3.32.

The wicket being slow and very easy the bowlers found it difficult to beat the bat. Still they did very well to get the remainder of the side out for an addition of but 181. Collins now found again got in an undeniable one, which broke a lot from the off. The others found the wicket too good. The fielding all round was meritorious, particularly Laver at point, Scott, Ransford, Carlton, and Carkeek.

THE VISITORS' INAUSPICIOUS START.

M'Alister and Giller opened for Victoria, to the bowling of Cotter from the northern end. M'Alister got the fast bowler through the slips for four, and off-drove the next for like value, then the wicket was destroyed with a fast, full toss, which cannoned off the pads, and the first Victorian was out for 8. M'Alister tried to get the ball to leg, but mistimed the stroke. It was an unlucky opening.

RANSFORD'S DEBUT IN SYDNEY.

Noble bowled from the southern end. Giller and Ransford, left hand, who filled the vacant crease, carried the total to 34, of which the latter had obtained 16, and here Cotter, who had sent down five overs for 25 runs and one wicket, made way for Johnson, the slow bowler. Ransford was making his first appearance on the Sydney Cricket Ground, and he impressed the spectators with his style of batting. He is a left-hander, and presents the full face of the bat to every ball, though Johnson all but bowled him when he had made 19. Neither batsman, however showed a disposition to hurry. Giller was half an hour getting to double figures. After a while the right-hander moved along to better purpose, though the batting continued unattractive. The half-century was hoisted after 49 minutes, and the batsmen were in the twenties together.

A GOOD RECOVERY BY GILLER AND RANSFORD.

The bowling, though not loose, was not making sufficient impression upon the batsmen, so Hopkins and Howell were commissioned to bowl in place of Noble and Johnson respectively. The score, however, gradually mounted, and eventually the hundred appeared after 1h 37m batting. Ransford was 60 and Giller 30. The wicket was too good for the bowlers to get any work on the ball. Hopkins was accurate, nine overs producing no more than 15, still he made way for his captain (Noble) at 103. The change was appreciated by Giller, who got four each for two off drives, though the first should have been no more than 3, the umpire signalling 4 when Gregory had knocked the ball back from the track. The first of these strokes made the partnership one of 100.

THE COLT FALLS TO A FAST TRIMMER.

Cotter was again requisitioned, and in his second over he bowled Ransford with a trimmer, the ball lifting the off bail. The left-hander occupied 1 hour 57 minutes in compiling 62, for which he gave no chances. He made seven boundary strokes. He is quite a colt, one of the best Victoria has produced, as far as can be judged at present. He has not many forcing strokes, but they will no doubt come with experience. The second wicket fell at 115. Carkeek 7 and Giller 45 played out time, the total being 126 for two wickets.

Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

A. J. Hopkins, c Ransford, b Armstrong	37
V. Trumper, st Carkeek, b Giller	81
M. A. Noble, c Armstrong, b Laver	65
W. P. Howell, b M'Leod	24
F. Johnson, run out	12
S. E. Gregory, c Laver, b Armstrong	40
E. F. Waddy, c Carkeek, b Carlton	35
R. A. Duff, b Collins	8
J. J. Kelly, c Scott, b Laver	50
G. L. Garnsey, b M'Leod	16
A. Cotter, not out	21
Byes 6, leg-byes 13, no balls 2, wide 1	22
Total	421

Bowling Analysis.—Collins, 22 overs, 6 maidens, 80 runs, 1 wicket, 1 no ball; Giller, 25 overs, 5 maidens, 86 runs, 2 wickets, 1 wide; Armstrong, 33 overs, 8 maidens, 95 runs, 2 wickets, 1 no ball; M'Leod, 14.3 overs, 1 maiden, 69 runs, 2 wickets; Warne, 3 overs, 15 runs; Laver, 10 overs, 2 maidens, 35 runs, 2 wickets.

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

P. McAlister, b Cotter	8
J. F. Giller, not out	45
V. Ransford, b Cotter	62
W. Carkeek, not out	7
Sundries	4
Two for	126

Bowling.—Howell, none for 16; Hopkins, none for 15; Johnson, none for 19; Noble, none for 33; Cotter, two for 40.

VICTORIA v TASMANIA.

TWO PLAYERS INJURED.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The annual match between a Tasmanian team and a second eleven of Victoria was commenced on the Melbourne Ground on Saturday. The visitors had not by any means their strongest team, four of their leading players, in Eady, Windsor, Burn, and Tabart, being unable to leave their home, three of them owing to business reasons, whilst Burn was on his way to the boat, when news of the sudden and serious illness of his brother compelled him to remain. The weather was unpleasantly hot, up to 105 in the shade being registered. The attendance was very small. Baker, the Victorian captain, won the toss, and decided to make the first use of the pitch, which was in excellent order. The Victorians scored fairly fast, and when stumps were drawn had lost nine wickets for 429 runs. W. M'Petrie contributed a well-made 123. He was batting for 2 hours 35 minutes, and hit three fivers and 15 fours. He had made 90 when he received a painful blow on the knee and had to retire for a time. Later in the afternoon Rainey got a blow and had to be helped off the field. He collapsed badly before reaching the dressing-room and was insensible for some time, artificial means having to be adopted to restore respiration. For a time his pulse failed and his condition was alarming, but later on he fully recovered, and by the courtesy of the Tasmanian captain he will continue his innings on Monday. Frost, a Launceston player, was the best of the bowlers, getting five wickets for 68 runs. Smith took two for 84, and Paton two for 121. Scores:—

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

J. Horan, c Hawson, b Frost	37
C. Baker, b Paton	56
McPetrie, c Smith, b Frost	123
B. Grant, b Smith	79
L. Rainey, retired hurt	60
F. Vaughan, c Hawson, b Frost	12
H. Fry, lbw, b Paton	10
A. Christian, c Paton, b Frost	4
J. Garland, c R. Hawson, b Frost	9
E. Goss, not out	20
H. Woodford, b Smith	3
Sundries	14
Nine wickets for	429

THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

THE PROPOSED EXTRA MEN.

WHO WILL BE CAPTAIN?

A meeting of the Australian team was held at the Royal Hotel on Saturday night, when a definite decision was arrived at regarding the offer of the people of Tasmania to pay Windsor's expenses to England, and a similar proposal from the Carlton Club, Melbourne, with reference to Saunders. After some discussion the following resolution was adopted:—

"In view of the fact that the Australian cricket team of 1905 has been selected by properly constituted selectors, only in case of any member of the team being incapacitated would Messrs. Windsor and Saunders be asked to play."

A copy of the foregoing has been sent to Tasmania and to the Carlton Club, Melbourne.

The above resolution evidently means that the people of Tasmania and the Carlton Club respectively may on their own responsibility send Windsor and Saunders to England. If they do go, and the occasion arises through accident to any member of the team, either the one or the other may be asked to play. It will be seen that the Australian Eleven are not committing themselves to anything. If the players mentioned make the trip, and are asked to play, then questions arising, such as a share in the proceeds or other remuneration, will have to be considered as they occur. The Carlton Club asked if Saunders were sent to England would he be available for selection. Tasmania asked if Windsor's expenses were paid would he be included in the team.

It is understood that the election of captain and of the selection and the general committees will take place on board ship. A good deal of interest is being taken in the result of the team's deliberations with regard to the captaincy. The general impression is that there will be two candidates—J. Darling and M. A. Noble— and it is expected that the voting will be very close. The players, however, cannot go far wrong in having either to fill the position, and the other take vice-captain. If the two pull together, as they will no doubt do, the affairs of the team on and off the field will be governed with the best judgment.

The manager of the team, Mr. F. Laver, has had prepared a very neat programme of matches in the form of a souvenir. It consists of a folding card, containing in addition to the list of matches the photographs and autographs of the players. It is quite an artistic production.

It is proposed to make some slight alteration in the programme of matches when the team reach England. For instance, there are two engagements against Scotland, one succeeding the other, and an endeavour will be made to substitute another fixture for one of them. It is also likely that a match will be played at Dublin.

The team is due to leave for Auckland at 3 o'clock on Wednesday in the Manuka. The New Zealand programme will open at Auckland on February 10, and after playing six matches Auckland will be left on March 20. At Fiji the team will join the Miowera bound for Vancouver.

PADDINGTON BASEBALL CLUB AND M. A. NOBLE.

Members of the Paddington Baseball Club took advantage of an opportunity recently to wish success and good fortune to their captain, Mr. M. A. Noble, on the occasion of his departure for England with the 1905 Australian cricket team. His health was proposed by Mr. J. T. Pope (secretary and treasurer of the club). Mr. T. Gleeson, one of the oldest supporters of America's national game in New South Wales, and other members supported the toast. Mr. Noble will no doubt be missed by baseball followers, for he has accomplished a great deal in sending the game ahead. Mr. Noble suitably responded.

PRESENTATION TO A. COTTER.

There was a large gathering of residents of the Glebe and cricket enthusiasts in the Glebe Town Hall on Saturday evening, on the occasion of a presentation of a handsome gold watch and chain and sovereign purse by members of the Glebe Cricket Club and other friends, to Mr. Albert Cotter, one of the Australian Eleven. The proceedings, which were of a very enthusiastic character, were presided over by Mr. J. A. Hogue, Chief Secretary, who is president of the Glebe District Club. In handing the gift to Mr. Cotter, Mr. Hogue, amid much cheering, expressed the hope that the young cricketer would be successful in England, where he would find the wickets very different from those of New South Wales. They had great hopes of their young friend, and he trusted that the watch would remind him that there were many in New South Wales who would follow his and the team's achievements with a great deal of interest. They all hoped that the representative of the Glebe Club would return bearing honours with him.

Mr. Cotter, who was loudly cheered, briefly returned thanks.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the New South Wales Typographical Association was held in the Trades Hall on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance, and Mr. J. W. Spicer, president, was in the chair. The 49th half-yearly report was adopted after discussion, on the motion of Mr. R. A. M'Farland, seconded by Mr. R. H. York. The balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £2670 1s 2d of assets over liabilities, was accepted on the motion of Mr. W. A. Vincent, seconded by Mr. J. A. Perry. Mr. Archibald Andrews, hon. secretary of the proposed New South Wales Printers' Homes and Orphanage Corporation, explained the objects of the corporation, and was accorded a vote of thanks. A motion authorising legal proceedings to be taken for the recovery of arrears of contributions was carried unanimously. A motion moved by Mr. W. A. Vincent, and seconded by Mr. A. T. Dunk—proposing that a regular sum be paid weekly throughout the year to every unemployed financial member; subscriptions to be 2½ per cent. on earnings, half the sum to form a permanent out-of-work fund—was, after discussion, ruled out of order. A vote of thanks appreciative of the service of Mr. J. W. Spicer, who retires from the presidency after a term of four years, was carried by acclamation. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. W. J. Ratcliffe; vice-president (news), Mr. W. C. Cresswell; vice-president (jobbing), Mr. Robert H. York; treasurer, Mr. R. A. M'Farland; Trades Hall delegates, Messrs. H. M'Evoy and G. A. Jones, M.L.A.; delegates to the annual conference of the Political Labour League, Messrs. J. W. Spicer and R. A. M'Farland; delegates to the Sydney Labour Council, Messrs. G. Watkins, J. W. Spicer, and S. J. Coy; nominee board members, Messrs. T. J. M'Kenzie, E. S. Nutt, O. I. Peachey, W. M. Woods, and R. N. Ferguson; auditor, Mr. William Avery.

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DEATHS.

BAKER.—January 28, 1905, at his late residence, Military-road, Guildford, Rev. William Baker, aged 70 years. By request no flowers.

BROSNAN.—January 29, at his parents' residence, Abercrombie Hotel, Redfern, Timothy Francis, dearly loved infant son of John and Mary Brosnan, aged four months.

FLEAY.—January 27, at his late residence, Gowrie House, Newtown, Augustus Timewell Fleay. Home papers please copy.

GILCHRIST.—January 29, 1905, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. C. B. Percy, No. 9 Bank-street, North Sydney, Margaret, widow of the late Drummond Gilchrist. By request, no flowers.

GLOVER.—January 29, 1905, at her late residence, 79 Catherine-street, Leichhardt, Sarah Jane Glover, aged 59 years. At rest.

HARGRAVE.—January 19, at Armidale, Richard Hargrave, late of Hillgrove station, aged 88 years.

HOPPER.—January 29, at 109 Ernest-street, North Sydney, Elizabeth Noble Hopper, relict of Henry William Hopper, sen., late of Balmain, in her 70th year.

KREUTZBERG.—December 28, at 11 Hill-street, North Sydney, Roland Stanley, aged 24, second son of Julius Kreutberg, of Mudgee.

MANSELL.—January 28, at St. Elmo, Fairfield, Catherine Maria, widow of the late Captain John Mansell, in her 84th year.

WAKLEY.—January 20, at Thornleigh, Hardie-street, Neutral Bay, Hazel, dearly loved infant daughter of E. and M. Wakley, aged 2½ years.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANDERSEN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Frederick Andersen, aged 28 years, who departed this life January 30th, 1904. Inserted by his loving mother and father, sisters, and brothers. Gone, but not forgotten.

ANDERSEN.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear friend, Fred. Andersen, who departed this life January 30th, 1904. Inserted by his sincere friends, Mr. and Mrs. Downie, of Randwick.

ANDERSEN.—In remembrance of my friend Frederick, who died January 30, 1904.
He was gentle in manner, patient in pain,
Our friend has left us heaven to gain.
With actions so noble, generous, and kind,
Few in this world his equal could find.
Inserted by one of his true friends, M. Ryan.

BICKELL.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dear wife, who departed this life on the 30th day of January, 1904, at Lindfield. Inserted by her loving husband and children. Gone, but not forgotten. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

CAMPBELL.—In sad and loving memory of my dear sister, Wilhelmina (Minnie) Campbell, who died January 29, 1904. At rest. Inserted by her loving sister, Bella Austin.

CARSON.—In sad and loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Amy Charlotte, who departed this life January 30, 1903. Gone, but not forgotten.

CARSON.—In sad but loving memory of our dearly beloved daughter, Amy (Cissie), who departed this life on January 30, 1903, at Glebe Point. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving parents, William and Charlotte Archer, Burwood.

CARSON.—In loving memory of our dear sister Amy (Cissie), who died January 30, 1903. Inserted by her loving sisters and brothers.

CARSON.—In loving memory of our dear sister Amy (Cissie), who departed this life January 30, 1903, at Glebe Point. Though lost to sight to memory dear. Inserted by her loving sisters and brothers-in-law, Herbert and Rose Varley, Willie and Eva Twine, Burwood.

CONLON.—In fond and loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Arthur, Nathaniel Conlon, aged 28 years, who was accidentally drowned at Sans Souci, on Anniversary Day, 1902. May the Lord have mercy on his soul. Inserted by M. J. Conlon and family.

COOK.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Ann Cook, who died January 30th, 1888, aged 64 years. Never forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter, J. Farrow, Enmore.

DODSON.—In sad but affectionate remembrance of my dear husband and father, T. H. Dodson, who departed this life January 30, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife and child. At rest.

GORDON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife, Alice Agnes Gordon, who departed this life January 30, 1900, aged 28 years. Inserted by her loving husband, Edward William Gordon, and family, Willie, Hughey, and Velda.
It's five sad years ago to-day
Since my dear wife passed away;
The trial was hard, the shock severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.

GORDON.—In sad and loving remembrance of our darling daughter and sister, Alice, who departed this life January 30th, 1900, at her residence, 41 Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge. So dearly loved, and still so sadly missed. Inserted by her loving father, mother, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cox and John Cox.

GORDON.—In sad but affectionate remembrance of our dearly beloved sister, Alice, who departed this life at her residence, 41 Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, 30th January, 1900. Though lost to sight, to memory dear. Inserted by her loving sisters, Mrs. W. Jones and Mrs. G. Brown.

GRAY.—In loving memory of our dear and sincere friend, Agnes M'Kenzie Gray, who died at her residence, 132 Henderson-road, Alexandria, January 29th, 1904.
She left us, oh, so sudden,
Our grief was hard to bear;
She has joined her well-loved Saviour,
God help us to meet her there.
Inserted by her loving friends, F. T. and M. Robins.

KELSO.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, who departed this life January 30, 1902, at Brisbane, Queensland. Inserted by her affectionate son Robert.
All souls are thine, we must not say
That those are dead who pass away.

PUCKERIDGE.—In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Walter H. W. Puckeridge, who was drowned in Botany Bay on January 30, 1897, age 19 years and 8 months. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Helena and Ernest Rossbridge. Deeply regretted.

RIGBY.—In loving remembrance of my dearly beloved wife, Emma Rigby, who died January 28, 1904. Inserted by her loving husband, Thomas Rigby.

RIGBY.—In loving memory of our dear aunt and daughter, Emma Rigby, who departed this life January 29, 1904. Inserted by her loving nieces, Lizzie and Mary Mahony, and James McCone.

RIGBY.—In loving remembrance of my dearly beloved sister-in-law, Emma Rigby, who died January 28, 1904. Inserted by her loving sister-in-law, Emily Myers.

ROY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Timothy Charles Roy, who peacefully passed away January 29, 1903, aged 45 years, at his residence, 8 John-street, Leichhardt. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

ROY.—In fond and loving remembrance of my dear uncle, Timothy Charles Roy, who fell asleep in Jesus, January 29, 1903, aged 45 years.
I know that far away in the mansions bright,
Which my blessed Saviour has gone to prepare,
My dear uncle dwells in those realms of light;
A little while we thy glory shall share.
Inserted by his loving niece, Martha J. Perrin.

THOMAS.—In loving memory of my beloved mother, Rachel Thomas, who fell asleep in Jesus January 29, 1904. Inserted by her loving daughter, Edith.

WALBROCK.—In sad but loving memory of our darling sister Mary (Molly), who died January 30th, 1901, of enteric fever. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Aggie.
Oh, how we miss you, Mary dear,
None but loving hearts can tell,
But your memory we fondly cherish,
Farewell, dear sister, a sad farewell. R.I.P.

WALBROCK.—In sad but loving memory of our darling sister, Mary (Molly), who died January 30, 1901, of enteric fever. Inserted by her loving mother, sister and brother, Bertha and Bernard. May the Lord have mercy on her soul.

WHEELER.—A token of everlasting love to the memory of our dear sister, Irene, who departed this life January 30, 1904, aged 2 years and 8 months. Inserted by her loving sisters, May, Ethel, Emily, Annabell. A bud in Heaven.

WIGHTMAN.—In loving and affectionate remembrance of John Wightman (late of Lismore), who departed this life January 30, 1904. R.I.P.
His memory dwells
Within the hearts
Of those who knew his worth.
Inserted by his loving children and their mother.

WOODHAM.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly beloved husband, Jack, who died at the Terraces Hospital, January 30, 1904.
I think of thee in silence, dear Jack,
No eye can see me weep,
But loving in my bosom
Thy memory I will keep.
The face we loved is now lies low,
His fond, true heart is still,
The hand we often clasped in ours
Lies low in death's cold chill.
Inserted by his loving wife and child.

WOODHAM.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother-in-law, Jack, who departed this life January 30, 1904.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. ASHTON, of Bennett-street, Mortlake, desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many friends for their kind sympathy, cards, and floral tributes also the teachers of the Mortlake Public School for their kind tribute of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

The Relatives of the late Mr. David Davies, of Wyndham-street, Alexandria, desire to return THANKS to all kind friends for their kind sympathy and floral tributes, and also to Mr. Yarrington and Mr. Curtiss for their kind attention in their recent sad bereavement.

Mrs. McCALLUM and FAMILY return sincere THANKS for letters of sympathy, telegrams, and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

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ANNIVERSARY DAY.

The event we celebrate to-day marks the beginning of history not only for New South Wales but for Australia. Our records as a community date from the moment when Captain Phillip, having brought his little fleet to anchor in Sydney Cove, made his proclamation constituting the first settlement on this continent under the British flag. That was 117 years ago, and of course the event is more particularly interesting to New South Wales since the offshoots of the parent colony adopted separation days of their own for special commemoration. We are in the habit of telling ourselves that we have made enormous progress since the historical event to-day celebrated, and we have excellent reason for the claim. The evidences of wealth and advancement surround us on every side. Great cities have sprung into existence as at the wave of some enchanter's wand, rivalling and outstripping famous old-world centres in riches and population. A barren continent has become the cradle of a great nation. An invaluable addition has been made to the realms of the British Crown. Perhaps nowhere in the world to-day are the conditions of life easier, or the chances freer to the individual for a reasonable share in the possibilities of human happiness. The experiment of settlement and colonisation is conducted under the fairest conditions, so far as the promise of our natural resources could assure them. We found ready to our hands a princely dowry of gold and the useful minerals, millions of acres of land open to pasturage and agriculture, and whatever else the experience of mankind has found necessary as contributory to prosperity. In one respect only have we had anything to complain of, but even the recurrent droughts have been tempered by generous rainfall.

Yet with all these advantages it is passing strange to dwell on the obvious and well-known fact that we are to-day only at the beginning of the development of many of our natural resources and primary industries. It is true that we have gleaned the surface gold, clipped the fleeces of millions of sheep, and exported so many tons of coal. But what have we really done beyond that? So far as our droughts are concerned, they leave us just as helpless now as when they discouraged the first settlers. We have used our land as a sheep-walk, but where is our agriculture supporting a community of small settlers, who get the most out of the soil in the interests of a growing population? What progress have we made towards the profitable working of our primary productions generally? Where is our population outside the chief cities, and what is it doing? The answers to these questions may well set people thinking, on this hundred and seventeenth anniversary of the foundation of settlement. Yet we have had absolute responsible government for nearly fifty years, with great opportunities for administration on behalf of development. We spend many millions every year, and the sum has hugely increased of late years, to carry on the expenses of government and this work of development. Yet we find ourselves today only beginning to set practical measures in operation for the settlement of the people on the soil in small and accessible areas. We have not even reached that point in the matter of water conservation and irrigation. The recent drought found us as powerless and as resourceless as it might have found the aboriginal owners of the soil. In point of fact the State is only thinking of making a beginning in many matters affecting primary industry, which should have been the first concern of those who began to administer the government under responsible institutions forty-nine years ago.

MR. BALFOUR'S FISCAL FAITH.

Mr. Balfour's latest fiscal deliverance, which was made to his constituents, offers no programme more convincing than anything he had previously presented. He has varied the phrases, but what he says now is substantially what he said before. It is easy to assert that closer commercial union between the mother country and the colonies" in all its best modes will be promoted by mutual preferences," but the scheme that will produce it has yet to be formulated. And it will be time enough to consider the question when it is. Anything beyond generalities has yet to be published by him. Mr. Chamberlain's suggestion that preference should be given to colonial wheat raised a storm of indignation throughout the country, and the representatives of the working men of England have appealed to Australia not to be parties to any such iniquity. Any proposal to raise the cost of articles of food or clothing has the determined opposition of the majority of the people of England. At nearly all the by-elections, the constituencies have given their verdict against the generalities, and especially against the particularities of the scheme as far as they have been disclosed.

Although Mr. Balfour now says that he does not desire to raise home prices for the purpose of aiding home productions, which obviously is a part of Mr. Chamberlain's programme, who can doubt that any system of preferential trade must produce dearness? And who could possibly show that dearness "is likely to produce great and growing commercial advantages?" If, for instance, it were agreed here to raise the taxation on £13,000,000 of foreign merchandise imported into the Commonwealth, how could it be shown that we should be compensated by higher prices received for not a tithe of £20,000,000 of produce now sent to the United Kingdom? It is much easier for Mr. Balfour to summarise fiscal views than to elaborate a programme of details that will meet acceptance either in England or Australia. This Mr. Balfour knows very well, and he does not want to commit himself. This method of deliverance from the awkward position in which he is placed is an Imperial conference, in which, as he said at Glasgow, "we should meet in order to talk out this subject in the freest possible manner without being bound by special views or special instructions." That sounds very well. But surely the advocates of the scheme in England should be able to put forward something definite as a basis that would likely find acceptance in the United Kingdom and in the Commonwealth, before summoning a conference on the subject. As Sir Edward Russell pointed out, there is no call for a conference here. And it will not be justified unless either on the other side of the world or on this some feasible programme is elaborated. Masses of statistics have been prepared by the Board of Trade in England, and by our own statistical authorities in Australia, intended to facilitate the consideration of the scheme. And Ministers should not shirk the work, and attempt to thrust it on a conference. The question of the change of the fiscal policy of the Empire is of such vast importance as to demand the fullest consideration before the country in the first instance, afterwards at a conference if there is any justification for holding one. The scheme agreed upon even then "ought not," in Mr. Balfour's words, "to be regarded as accepted by any of the parties to the contract unless their various electorates have given their adhesion to the scheme."

The results of the conference which ended in the abolition of the sugar bounties fully justify the British taxpayer and constituencies in refusing to give any mandate to a conference that would commit the country to an alteration of the law under which England has prospered. If Mr. Balfour, who complains of having no freedom of action under the British system, exercised what he had in so injurious a manner to the confectionery industries and the consumers generally of the mother country, is there not good reason for declining to give any extension of his power? And if the dumping of sugar was beneficial to the industry of the mother country, is it not likely that "the importation of goods when bounty fed or tariff protected are sold below cost price." is also of general advantage? Evidence of that has been given on many occasions by responsible men in the United Kingdom. Therefore when Mr. Balfour suggests freedom of action as useful in checking such importation, he raises a question upon which there is much difference of opinion, of which the weight could be determined better by the constituencies generally than by a conference, more or less of an unrepresentative character. One such has been already held, with abortive results. And if the Government is not prepared with any scheme, there is not much prospect of any advantage arising from another. Mischief may be done by giving to any possible conclusions arrived at a significance not warranted by its constitution. The best method of protecting the fiscal independence of the colonies is to leave them independent as they are at present. Only loss can accrue to them by an increase in the price of their imports. Probably a still greater loss will arise by restricting their markets for exports. Competition benefits them at home and abroad; and restriction will prejudice them everywhere, without really benefiting the people of the United Kingdom. The friends of preferentialism are not likely to get a mandate for a Imperial conference, either on the other side of the world or on this, until some feasible scheme is ready for consideration.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

In the multitude of contending and self-contradictory statements about the ocean mail difficulty, it is at least satisfactory to find that the general manager in Australia of the Orient-Pacific line has no doubt about the cause of the trouble. In a letter from him which we publish this morning there is his statement that "Mr. Reid is right in attributing to the Postal Act the difficulty which now faces the commerce of Australia." Moreover his contention that the breaking up of our partnership with Great Britain, in this matter of a joint mail service, puts the case in a nutshell. We in Australia, the four millions of people who are scattered along the fringe of the continent, are possibly inclined to think more highly of ourselves than we have any reason to think. To some inconsiderate persons amongst us Australia is the hub of the universe, and to such who have unhappily been in the majority since the birth of the Commonwealth, it has seemed wise to hedge round with difficulties access to our shores. The fact is that, if we are to do our country justice, we must be eager to welcome proper means for the maintenance of regular communication with Europe.

At the same time we see no evidence that the great shipowner companies which have done so well for us in the past have been actuated by other than business considerations. Mr. Anderson complains this morning that certain Federal Ministers seem to try to make it hard for him to render any service to the public convenience; adopting the tone rather of a philanthropist whose well-meant intentions have been stupidly thwarted by meddlers than of a business man who wants to obtain certain payment for specified services. This is a sort of sentiment which hardly appeals to common-sense persons. The real fact is that, in Mr. Anderson's opinion, the subsidy paid to the company which he governs in Australia was not sufficient. He thinks that the subsidy should be raised, and, of course, he is quite justified in holding this opinion. He might, indeed, point to the fact that the fine steamers which his company sends to Australia could be used more profitably to the owners in other lines; and here again the public would have no right to question his judgment. It would be matter for regret on several grounds if the Orient Company decided to withdraw its splendid liners from the Australian trade. We are comforted however, by the consideration that if the Australian trade warrants it the company will send even bigger boats. The immediate concern is the ocean mail affair and the question of Australia being in a position to pay the subsidy demanded by the Orient Company. It may be hoped that the company will accept the terms offered by the Commonwealth Government. These may not be as high as the company would like to receive, but they are plainly as light as the Commonwealth can afford.

THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE LOCOMOTIVES.

The Railway Commissioners have presented a report on the question of the cost of the locomotives required by the State, and we are enabled to give it to the public in another column this morning. In considering this important document it is necessary to remember that on the Railway Commissioners devolves, by consent of the people and by enactment of the Legislature, the direct responsibility for the commercial management of the railways. They are in the position of trustees of this great State asset, and they have to face the responsibilities of that position at every point. If a mistake is made, the Act is so framed that they will have to bear the burden and its consequences. It is, therefore, incumbent on the Government and on the community to give due attention, and attach due weight to the Railway Commissioners and their report in a matter of this nature. So much having been postulated, let us see what the Commissioners say. The tender of Messrs. James Martin and Co. forms the text of their remarks, which amount to a very plain and succinct statement that the locomotives that firm propose to construct would cost £631,200 net, at a rate per engine £1236 2s 6d higher than the American tender recently accepted for 20 locomotives from the Baldwin Company. We need not go into the details of comparison with other tenders, or of the possible discount by this company on the larger order for 120 locomotives. The Commissioners furnish those details. Taking the broad facts of the report at this point, we find that if preference were given to the South Australian contract over that from America the finances of our railway administration would be chargeable for interest, and for an indefinite period—the Commissioners say for all time—in the sum of £5943. Then we are told that the supply of 60 engines locally would take six years, and for 120 about twelve years. The broad facts may be thus summarised.

But the Commissioners go further. They show the disabilities under which local enterprise labours on account of the unionist objection to piecework and the bonus system and its assertion of the "one-man-one-machine principle. On their plain statement of commercial facts and figures as a whole the Commissioners make out a strong case against the local construction of the required locomotives, and from their point of view it seems one incapable of answer. It must be admitted that the case for local construction has been fully and fairly put. It has received every publicity. The arguments in its favour, as bearing on the absorption of labour, encouragement to the industry, and the establishment of local ironworks, have been stated in our columns and by correspondents without reserve. An open field has been given to local tenderers, and if the work could have been done locally at anything like a reasonable cost there is little doubt that public opinion would have favoured its being so done. But the report of the experts charged by Parliament to administer our railways is now before the country, with the figures and calculations on which it is based. Included in that report is a plain statement of the conclusion that it is "absolutely impossible to build locomotives in New South Wales in anything like reasonable competition with" other countries. The Commissioners also indicate other directions in which money must be spent if rates and fares are not to be increased and salaries reduced, in face of the last three years' deficits. Finally, the Premier adds the finishing touch to the demonstration by showing that to manufacture locomotives locally would be equivalent to making a cash present of £400 to each of the 223 hands in the local works, with £13,380 to spare.

Labour in Politics.—In a series of articles, the first of which appears elsewhere in this issue, we propose to deal with the position and ambitions of the Labour party in Australia. These will be opportune, in view of the Labour Conference, which commences its sittings to-day, and the ground we propose to cover will give our readers an opportunity of studying the relation of labour to the community as a power in politics. The first article is necessarily a summary of the argument, and gives an idea of the scope of the series, which will deal with the general platform and with the labour organisations in the various States. The idea is to show fairly and temperately what is involved in labour dominance, and to place the main facts of an important movement before our readers.

Movements of Ministers.—The Premier is announced to preside at the Balmain Eisteddfod this evening. Mr. Ashton has gone to Goulburn to spend the day. The Chief Secretary will represent the Government at the Anniversary Regatta, and also at the unveiling of the Burns statue in the Domain, and will accept the statue on behalf of the Government. The Attorney-General is spending the day at Bowral.

The Hobart Conference.—Owing to the pressure of business, Mr. Carruthers will be unable to leave Sydney to-morrow to attend the conference of Premiers at Hobart, as he intended. A Cabinet meeting, which has been called for to-morrow, and at which some important business is set down for transaction, is one reason why the Premier has been detained. He will leave for Tasmania on Thursday evening.

New Liquor Law.—Mr. Hogue, Chief Secretary, is giving close attention to a bill for the amendment of the present Licensing Act, which he intends to submit for the consideration of the House early next session. The measure it is understood contemplates a number of alterations in and modifications of the existing law. For instance, provision will be made to more effectually put an end to Sunday trading than is the case at present. Local option will be a prominent feature in the measure, clubs will be compelled to pay a license, and effect will be given to the principle of closing hotels without compensation.

Chairman of Committees.—Mr. W. P. Crick, M.L.A., having definitely decided not to offer himself for re-election as Chairman of Committees, the House, on reassembling next session, will be called upon to elect a new chairman. There will probably be several candidates for the position. Mr. J. H. Cann, a former occupant of the office, will, it is stated, again offer his services. Mr. T. Jessep, who acted as one of the deputy chairmen during last session, has determined to be a candidate, and two or three other gentlemen who have filled the position temporarily, also regard themselves as having a claim to the position.

Local Manufacture of Locomotives.—It is no exaggeration to say that the Railway Commissioners have performed an important public duty by the clear, concise, and business-like manner in which they set forth their views regarding the offer of Messrs. James Martin and Co., of Gawler, South Australia, to build 120 locomotives in this State. Briefly stated, the South Australian firm offers, on condition of receiving a guarantee that 120 locomotives are taken, to lay down a plant in this State, and to turn the engines out at the rate of £5260 each. The Commissioners point out that after allowing for Customs duties on imported engines the offer is £1236 2s 6d per engine higher than the tender recently accepted by them for the building of 20 locomotives by the Baldwin Company, of Philadelphia. The South Australian offer is also £651 8s more than the lowest English tender, and £549 6s greater than the highest one. They pertinently remark that if the British and American builders had been tendering for 120, instead of 20, engines, their prices would have been much lower than they were. But even setting aside this important factor, Messrs. Martin and Co., on 120 locomotives, would receive £148,575 more than the Baldwin Company's price. Four per cent. on that would mean an annual loss of £5943—even after the engines were thrown on the scrap heap. Commenting on the view that the local manufacture of the engines would provide employment for a large number of men, the Commissioners explode this idea by showing that at most not more than 223 men would be employed, whilst the additional cost of the engines would mean a bonus of £400 to each of the 223 men. The Commissioners contend that it is impossible to build locomotives here in anything like reasonable competition with England and America, and state that unless something is done to lessen the working expenses (as against increasing them, by paying more for their engines than they can be obtained for in the open market) it is inevitable that rates and fares will have to be increased and possibly salaries and wages reduced. Finally, the Premier attaches to the report a laconic minute that affords much food for reflection.

Stimulating Production.—It has already been announced in the columns of the "Herald" that the Minister for Lands, convinced of the great importance of stimulating the agricultural and dairying industries, is turning his attention to the question of making land available for settlement in the well-watered region of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers. He has had his attention particularly directed to 45,000 acres of valuable land, which is at present inaccessible, owing to the absence of roads. Two surveyors have been despatched from the head office to explore the country in question. They will be assisted by one of the local district surveyors. These officers will map the country, and produce a plan for the guidance of the Minister in deciding the size of the blocks to be offered to intending settlers. The Minister for Lands estimates that it will cost at least £20,000 to construct the necessary roads and carry out the other improvements required to make the land available for settlement. Mr. Ashton believes that when the work is done, it will add £1 an acre to the value of the land. If it does so, and several hundreds of people take up blocks, the Minister considers a very good investment will have been made by the State. Mr. Ashton is of opinion there are several areas of land aggregating 150,000 acres on the northern rivers which he will make available for settlement at an early date. The land is of inferior quality, and will be thrown open for selection in fairly large areas on easy terms. With regard to the 45,000 acres of good land, Mr. Ashton is hopeful that it will be available for selection about next July.

New Parliamentary Library.—Rapid progress is being made with the changes necessary at Parliament House for the rehousing of the valuable Parliamentary library. A vote of £5000 was passed for the work, and, judiciously spent, it should go far towards making the building worthy of its contents. The whole of the library is being transformed. The present stewards' quarters are to be placed elsewhere, and the space utilised as part of the library. Other additional accommodation will be provided, and ample provision is to be made against destruction by fire. The work will in all likelihood extend over two or three months yet, but, of course, will have to be finished before the opening of Parliament.

Remodelling the Rocks Area.—It has been decided by the Government to carry out the remodelling scheme in connection with the Rocks area at a cost of about £50,000. The Government has determined to sell by public auction building leases for 50 years, with varying conditions as to the time within which new buildings are to be erected along the new alignment. For instance, along the north end of George-street, the new buildings must be erected within 16 years, but in one particularly narrow spot in George-street the new buildings must be built at once. The new alignment will increase the width of George-street to 72ft in some places, and to 80ft in others. Allotments of land will also be offered in Fort-street, Princes-street, Gloucester-street, and Windmill-street. When remodelled, Princes-street will become a fine thoroughfare leading on to an inclined embankment which will form the approach to the high level bridge that is in future years to connect the city with North Sydney. Cumberland, Gloucester, and Harrington streets will also be transformed into thoroughfares, ranging from 50ft to 66ft in width. The Government is confident that the rents from the building leases will give a net revenue of from 4 to 5 per cent. on the total outlay upon the "Rocks area," purchase included.

Cataract Dam.—A special meeting of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board was held on Friday evening in connection with the matter of the construction of the Cataract reservoir. At a previous meeting the president submitted a minute in regard to the intentions of the Government as the capabilities of the wall to be built, and the water that it should impound, and the views of the Water and Sewerage Board as to provision for greater storage. The meeting on Friday night was for the purpose of considering the minute, but the president, who has a seat on the Government reference board of engineers, stated that he was in a position to inform the members that the reference board had agreed to specifications which would be satisfactory to them, as they contained provisions which, if agreed to by the Minister for Works, would meet all their requirements. The consideration of the minute was therefore postponed pending the decision of the Minister.

Interstate Cricket Match.—In the interstate cricket match between New South Wales and Victoria on Saturday, V. Ransford, the Victorian colt, who has obtained a good many runs for his State this year in big cricket, played a very fine innings on his first appearance in Sydney for 62. He is a left-hander, and though he does not at present possess the brilliance of Hill or of Bruce, he showed substantial defence, and as he gets older he will, no doubt, develop power and versatility. He created a favourable impression on Saturday. The batting all round was consistent rather than brilliant. With the exception of Duff, who is as likely a scorer as anyone on the New South Wales side, everyone got double figures in the total of 421. M'Alister, from whom much was expected, was bowled off his pad by Cotter when no more than eight runs had been scored, but Giller and Ransford put on 107 for the Victorian second wicket by solid and safe if not vigorous batting.

Interstate Sailing Carnival.—The first races of the interstate sailing carnival, which were contested on Saturday, proved very interesting, and were carried out under most favourable conditions as to weather. The harbour indeed looked its best, and the spectacle as viewed from the steamers or from Clark Island and other commanding positions around the harbour, was a superb one. Three States were represented, namely, Queensland, Western Australia, and New South Wales, and the racing in the 14ft and 10ft championships was remarkably fine. The Queensland boat Violet won the former event, notwithstanding that the Queenslander, another northern representative, came into collision with the Sydney boat Cutty Sark, with the result that both were disabled, and did not compete, the Violet being left to fight the battle on behalf of the Northern State. She succeeded in defeating all of her opponents, including the Western Australian representative and the crack boats and skippers of Sydney and Botany. In the 10-footers' race Irex and Iduna, from Queensland, were pitted against 12 of the local boats of this class, and one from Newcastle. Crescent, with C. Dunn at the tiller, led practically all the way, and won by 30 seconds from the Queensland representative Irex. The Iduna finished seventh.

The Weather.—Strong north-easterly winds continued to blow throughout Saturday and yesterday. The greatest velocity attained on Saturday was 20 miles at 4.30 p.m. Yesterday the hourly velocity was between 17 and 25 miles, the highest rate attained being 30 miles at 1.45 p.m. High temperatures were registered in the interior on Saturday, among the highest readings of the thermometer being:—Albury 105 degrees, Bourke 100, Broken Hill 101, Deniliquin 110, Dubbo 104, Hay 106, Wagga 104, Wentworth 105, and Condobolin 103. Light rains occurred yesterday at stations on the South Coast. Mr. Hunt predicts a continuance of unsettled conditions for today on the South Coast and over the southern districts, with occasional thunder showers. Conditions favour a cyclone on the northern coast of Queensland between Mackay and Cooktown.

A New Planet.—Mr. H. A. Lenehan, the Acting Government Astronomer, has been advised by the Kiel Observatory of the discovery of a small planet of the 13th magnitude. The planet moves daily 92 seconds in time eastward and 9 minutes of arc northward. Last night at 10 o'clock its position was R.A. 1 hour 41 minutes, N.P.D. 80 degrees 29 minutes.

Incident at Darling Harbour.—Whilst on duty on the ship Cumberland, which is lying at Dalgety's wharf, the watchman noticed a man going over the side of the vessel by means of a rope into a rowing boat. He called on the individual to stop, but the man promptly pulled away. The water police were immediately informed, and several men went in pursuit in a skiff. A shot was fired at him, but this had not the desired effect, and the man succeeded in escaping. The ship was then searched, and it was found that Captain Barfield's gold watch and chain, together with a small amount of money, were missing.

House Robberies.—It is worthy of note that of the numerous robberies that have taken place in the suburbs recently a great many—though by no means all—have been perpetrated while the houses have been deserted for a few hours by their occupants. It is fairly evident, therefore, that the housebreakers are on the watch for people going out and leaving the coast clear for operations. In some instances the thieves are fortunate enough to drop upon money unwisely left in the residences, in addition to the small articles of value easily turned into cash. At Balmain on Friday over £33 was lost by the occupants of a house in Rosser-street, the thieves getting in by a back window while everybody was away. Needless to say other things were missing also when their owners returned. Another robbery took place in the same suburb on Thursday night, the robbers effecting an entrance in a house in Ann-street by the simple means of forcing back the catch of a window.

Fire in the City.—A fire was discovered shortly before 10 o'clock last evening in a tobacconist's shop in Market-street, near George-street, occupied by Mr. M. H. Lazarus. The alarm was given to the brigade, and the firemen were quickly on the scene. The outbreak was extinguished with one hydrant. The front of the shop and the contents were damaged by fire and water, while the hairdressing saloon at the rear was damaged by heat, smoke, and water.

Wool and Wheat Returns.—According to a return prepared by the officers of the railway traffic branch, 136,217 bags of grain were received last week at the Darling Island depot. The oversea shipments ranged from 10,000 to 15,000 bags daily. At the present moment the grain shed holds 307,000 bags of wheat. The wool arrivals were small, only 1500 bales being the record for the week.

Gold Shipment.—The White Star liner Afric sailed on Saturday for London and Liverpool via ports. She has on board 10 boxes of gold valued at £22,641, shipped for London by Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co., Limited.

Naval News.—H.M.S. Pylades, which is to be replaced on the Australian station by H.M.S. Prometheus, sailed from Sydney yesterday on her homeward voyage, her destination being Chatham. As the warship steamed down the harbour the homeward-bound men were given a hearty cheer by their comrades now in port. H.M.S. Mutine, which is to be replaced by H.M.S. Pegasus, will sail on the 5th prox. for England.

The Canadian Mail.—The R.M.S. Aorangi, of the Canadian Australian mail line, will berth at Flood's Wharf, Circular Quay, this morning, on her arrival from Vancouver, via Honolulu, Fiji, and Brisbane. The passage between Canada and Australia has been a quick one. Calculating the day lost in crossing the meridian, and the time spent at the ports of call, the voyage occupied only 18 days. The Aorangi on getting away from Vancouver had a large general cargo of merchandise and a good passenger list.

Vital Statistics.—The record of the Government Statist shows that for the week ended January 27, there were 266 births and 116 deaths. The mortality list included 36 children under five years of age, and 71 persons above that age. The contributories to the death roll were:—City, 20; Redfern and eastern suburban groups, 16 each; Balmain and western, 15 each; northern, 12; Newtown, 7; and Illawarra, 6. Enteritis caused 15 deaths; heart complaints, 14; phthisis, 12; cancer, premature birth, pneumonia, and Bright's disease, 6 each; and old age, 3. Six deaths were due to violence, all being due to accidents. Of the births 25, and of the deaths 38, occurred in public institutions.

In connection with the holiday to-day the Railway Commissioners notify that workmen's fares will be cancelled and improved services will be in force on all tramway lines. A frequent service will be run to the cricket match and Randwick races, commencing at 10.40 and 11 a.m. respectively. The first-class racecourse special will not run. A service will also be run to the fireworks display at the Agricultural Ground in the evening, commencing at 6.50.

Mr. J. J. Keenan, acting local secretary to the Royal Commission on the Navigation Bill, desires us to state that copies of the evidence taken by the commission on its recent visit to Sydney are available on application at the Commonwealth Offices, Macquarie-street.

The grand organ of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was built by Hill, has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired. A concert in connection with the reopening has been arranged for next Wednesday evening, in which Mr. Arthur Mason (city organist) and a number of leading artists will take part.

About forty acres of bush at Mowbray-street, Willoughby, were destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

It is announced in the "Government Gazette" that the Licensing Bench for the metropolitan district for the next three years will consist of the following:—Messrs. George Henry Smithers, S.M., Francis Sheriff Isaacs, S.M., Ernest Henry Wilshire, S.M., Charles Newton Payten, S.M., William Macpherson Macfarlane, S.M., Lester Stuart Donaldson, S.M., and Arthur Nelson Barnett, P.M., City Coroner.

A correspondent writes complaining of the conduct of young men and boys on the Stanmore-road.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

It was recently announced that the Postmaster-General had sanctioned the connection of Bendigo and Echuca by telephone, an ordinary telegraph wire with a condenser being used. Mr. Sydney Smith has now decided to introduce the system into New South Wales, and has approved of West Wyalong and Temora, Narrandera and Wagga, and Inverell and Moree, being connected with the condenser system. It has also been decided to connect Gosford with the main telephone trunk line from Sydney to Newcastle. The work will be put in hand immediately, and it is expected that the Gosford line will be ready for service in about a week's time. A number of other country districts will be connected shortly. Mr. Sydney Smith intends to make a test between Sydney and Wollongong in about 10 days' time. The estimated cost of that line was £3100, but under the condenser system the work can be carried out for about £50.

Fresh tenders have, by order of the Postmaster-General, been called for the erection of a telephone line between Moree and Garah, a distance of about 38 miles. He has also asked for tenders for the supply of new poles for the Candelo and Bombala telegraph line.

ENGLISH MAIL TIMETABLES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Postmaster-General states that the timetables showing the dates upon which the English mails may be forwarded under the poundage rates system after February 1, will be ready on Tuesday for publication. On his return from Sydney yesterday he said that no contract had been entered into with the Orient Company for a continuation of its present fortnightly service, and therefore, he continued, we shall have to resort to the poundage system and send our mails on by every suitable steamer. Mr. D. Anderson, general manager of the Orient Company, stated last week that the boats owned by his company would not call at Adelaide after February 1, but Mr. Sydney Smith suggests that such an eventuality may not happen. He, however, declines to state any ground for entertaining such an idea.

THE ARBITRATION ACT.

Saturday was the first day on which industrial organisations could register under the Federal Arbitration Act, as it was the day on which the appointment of Mr. Castle, Registrar of the Court, was gazetted. There were no applications to the Registrar, but several communications were received, either asking for information or applying for forms. The first application to hand came from Messrs. Marshall and Marks, Sydney, solicitors for the Merchants' Service Guild of Australasia, an organisation of employees. Applications to be supplied with forms were received from the Australian Federated Steamship Owners' Association, and the Australian Workers' Union. Organisations applying for information are:—Federated Butchers' Union, Federated Sawmill and Timber-yard Employees' Association, Tanners and Leather Dressers' Association, and Railway Traffic Employees' Association, Sydney, in addition to the Merchants' Service Guild already mentioned.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The Consul-General for Belgium, on behalf of his Government, has invited the Commonwealth to be represented at a conference of the International Institute for the study of the problem of the middle classes. It will meet at Leige on August 16, 17, and 18 next, on the occasion of the Universal and International Exposition in that city, to be held under the patronage of the Belgium Minister for Labour and Industry, and the Minister for Justice. Mr. M'Lean, Acting Prime Minister, has replied, stating that the matter will have consideration.

ELECTORAL MATTERS.

The Governor-General has proclaimed Pearces and Yandama, in the division of the Barrier; Broigan and Bruie Plains, in the division of Canobias; and Boro Creek, in the division of Weirriwa, to be polling places within the State of New South Wales.

MILITARY MATTERS.

A notification is published that Major Adam Thomas Pringle, V.D., of the Australian Garrison Artillery, New South Wales, has been transferred to the retired list with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. The provisional appointment of Captain Edward Fowell Martin, of the Australian Army Service Corps, is confirmed.

STATE DEBTS QUESTION.

The official estimate of the time which will probably be occupied in the Hobart Conference is three weeks, but unless greater expedition is observed than was done at the conference last year it is probable that many subjects will remain over when the members finally separate. The State debts question alone will provide material for prolonged debates. It is, however, probable that instead of the matter being considered afresh it will be taken up at the stage at which it was left on February 12 last year. On that date the various Treasurers were so far in accord that Sir George Turner had agreed to abandon his original claim for the cession of railway revenues, and had also tentatively agreed to the extension of the Braddon clause for a further term beyond the ten years mentioned in the Constitution Act. It is considered probable that the debates in the conference will begin from this point, and that Sir George will be inclined to agree to, say, a 15 years' extension of the Braddon clause in return for the right to call on the Railway Commissioners for a sum sufficient to make good any shortage after the whole of the three-fourths of customs and excise has been allocated for the interest and sinking funds. On the date that the Commonwealth was proclaimed the total public debt of Australia was £198,000,000, but on July 1 of last year it had grown to £227,637,000, and the interest chargeable upon it was £8,232,933. Taking the States singly, the interest on their debts will be seen by the following table, together with the surplus which the Federal Treasurer estimated would be returned to each during the present financial year:—

State.	Interest.	Estimated Surplus.
New South Wales	£2,841,368	£2,581,138
Victoria	1,885,983	1,970,864
Queensland	1,547,470	739,492
South Australia	1,069,325	550,419
Western Australia	547,160	1,036,259
Tasmania	341,627	260,814

Only Victoria and Western Australia, therefore, show a surplus on paper. New South Wales will have rather over a quarter of a million to make up. Queensland will have £807,978, South Australia £518,906, and Tasmania £80,813.

TO-DAY.

Anniversary Regatta: Flagship, R.M.S. Britannia. Steamers from Fort Macquarie from 9 a.m.
Sydney Turf Club's Races, Randwick: First event, 1 p.m.
Cricket, N.S.W. v Victoria: Sydney Cricket Ground, noon.
Unveiling of Burns Statue: Domain, 4.30 p.m.
Firework Display: Royal Agricultural Ground, 8.15 p.m.
United Friendly Societies of N.S.W.: Annual Demonstration and Picnic, Botany, 11.30 a.m.
Political Labour League's Conference: Trades Hall, 9.30 a.m.
Excursion to Hawkesbury River: Trains from Redfern, 9.10 and 9.18 a.m., from Milson's Point 9.16 a.m.
Excursion to Cowan Bay: Steamer from foot of Market-street, 10 a.m.
Excursions to Parkesvale.
Scots' Concert: Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Balmain Eisteddfod: Centenary Hall, 10 a.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Pirates of Penzance," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Blind Man's Buff," 7.50 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Best of Friends," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 and 8 p.m.
Shooting the Chute and Tobogganing: Manly.
Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusion, Tattooed Marvel, Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Open-air Concert: 525 George-street, 7 p.m.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Ashton, Minister for Lands, is spending the holiday with his constituents at Goulburn, where a Highland sports gathering is being held.

Mr. S. M. Mowle, Usher of the Black Rod, has retired from the Public Service. For many years he was a conspicuous figure in every Parliamentary ceremony.

Sir Charles Todd, after 64 years' service under the Imperial, South Australian, and Commonwealth Governments, retired from the position of Deputy Postmaster-General of South Australia on Saturday. The Premier, members of the South Australian Ministry, and heads of the departments waited upon Sir Charles to bid him an official good-bye.

Admiral Lord Charles Scott and Lady Charles Scott, who are on their way to Victoria on a short visit to Upper Macedon, arrived at Adelaide yesterday by the R.M.S. Mongolia.

Mr. Daglish, Premier of Western Australia, and Mrs. Daglish, arrived by the R.M.S. Mongolia at Adelaide on Sunday. They landed at Largs Bay, and in the evening joined the special train for Melbourne.

The Rev. R. O'B. Hall, who has resigned the pastorate of St. Barnabas', South Bathurst, to take up work in St. James' parish, Sydney, was entertained by the Bathurst parishioners at a social on Thursday night. During the evening he was presented with a gold cross and purse of sovereigns. He was also presented by the Sunday-school children with an illuminated address.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. George O'Hanlon, who had been in charge of the transit department of Mr. W. E. Smith, stationer, of Bridge-street, for over 20 years, was presented with a handsome gilt clock by Mr. Smith and his fellow employees. Mr. O'Hanlon relinquished the position in order to take over a contract for similar work for the Rockdale Council. The presentation was made by Mr. Smith. The recipient suitably responded.

The Rev. William Baker, who was Presbyterian minister in Bega for many years, died at Guildford on Saturday morning.

Mr. C. D. Southcombe, who for the past 11 years has been in charge of Messrs. Drew and Co.'s Broken Hill branch, and for many years a partner in the firm, left Broken Hill on Friday night, for Melbourne. During his residence on the Barrier Mr. Southcombe has taken a leading part in all important musical enterprises, including the formation and maintenance of the Broken Hill Orchestra. He was also a liberal supporter of local charities.

DEATH OF WM. RIGNOLD.

The news, just received by Mr. George Rignold, of the death of his elder brother, William Rignold, will be heard with widespread regret throughout Australia. He passed quietly away on December 22 at the villa at Hornsey, near London, where so much of his life was passed, and where his children, several of them on the English stage, were brought up. Miss Bessie Rignold acted many ingenue characters under her uncle's management at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, some 13 years ago; Miss Dora Rignold was the Oberon and the Viola of Mr. George Musgrove's more recent Shakespearian productions here; and Miss Marie Rignold, who has not yet heard of her loss, is now on her way to Australia with Mr. Van Biene's "Broken Melody" Company.

The late Wm. Rignold, who was 70 years of age at the time of his death, was born at Leicester, but the traditions of his family settle round Birmingham, near which, in the old church of King's Norton, there lie generations of Rignolds. The family has long been connected with the stage. The mother of Wm. and George Rignold, and of Miss Susan Rignold was herself a popular actress, and she was the aunt of Mr. Lionel Rignold, also known on this side. Whilst this lady was "starring" her little son William made his debut, but after that for a time he studied music under Mr. Coppin (the father of the now venerable George Coppin), and for seven years he was a professional violinist. It was at Limerick in 1856, when Mr. Wm. Don was playing the Baillie in "Rob Roy," that, owing to an accident, Mr. Wm. Rignold was called from the orchestra to play the part of Rashleigh, and his success led him eventually to become an actor. His London successes were as the honest, fair-haired Goujet to the Coupeau of Charles Warner in "Drink," about 30 years ago; he was the original Jacques in "The Two Orphans," and the original Clement Huntingford in "The World" at Drury Lane Theatre. At this theatre in 1883 he played Macbeth to the Lady Macbeth of the great Ristori; he supported Mary Anderson at the Lyceum in 1884; and for a number of years occupied a strong position as a good, sound actor in the metropolis. His last English performance of note was that of John Saxton, the bluff Yorkshireman, in Wilson Barrett's play "Nowadays." In this character he was immensely popular in London, and when he sailed for Australia in January, 1890, it was chiefly with the object of playing the part at his brother's theatre in Sydney. The visitor stayed for two years in this part of the world, where he became a great favourite, and always had the advantage of the fine and well-trained company then headed by George Rignold. William Rignold's artistic triumph was on November 22, 1890, as Falstaff in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Such a great impersonation of the character had not been seen since the days of Phelps. Physically the actor was an ideal Falstaff. The ruddy, handsome face, and jocund, beaming eye, the immense stature, formed to carry with a portly air stuffing that would have made a smaller man ridiculous, the great rich voice, and that largeness of manner which was at all times his chief characteristic—all these gifts of nature must have long marked out Wm. Rignold as the man of all men on the English stage best fitted for the historic part. The evils of the actor-manager system in London are vividly illustrated by the fact that an artist as well-known as he was had to come to Australia to play it, and that Mr. Beerbohm Tree, "a spare, lean man," is accepted in the character, although he wears a half-mask of wax to make the required picture. Falstaff, then, is the character which will preserve the name and fame of Wm. Rignold in Australia for generations, nor need his career here be further followed. The production itself was one of several great Shakespearian revivals given here by George Rignold during his famous tenancy of Her Majesty's. The cast included the following artists:—Falstaff, Wm. Rignold; Master Ford, George Rignold; Mistress Ford, Miss Kate Bishop; Mistress Page, Miss Roland Watts-Phillips; Sir Hugh Evans, Mr. H. R. Jewett; Shallow, Mr. Frank Ayrton; Fenton, Mr. A. E. Greenaway; John Rugby, Mr. Joe Tolano; and Sweet Ann Page, Miss Bessie Rignold.

Nearly three years before his death, Mr. Rignold became totally blind, and in December, 1903, Sir Henry Irving and other leading actors joined in a benefit to him at the Lyric Theatre, by which the large sum of £1182 was realised. In private life the late Wm. Rignold was a frank, genial, rather hot-tempered, lovable man, well-read, and with a talent both for music (inherited by his daughters) and painting.

THE PLAGUE.

ANOTHER CASE REPORTED.

Another case of plague has been discovered at Ulmarra. The sufferer is a girl named Irene Small, aged 16 years. She has been removed to the Grafton Hospital, where three other patients are being treated. In view of the necessity for providing additional accommodation, arrangements are now being made to utilise one of the erysipelas wards some distance from the main building. Plague-infected rats have been found on Woodford Island, at which the river steamers stop to land stores and where produce is taken aboard, and in consequence the Board of Health has imposed certain conditions dealing with the export of fodder and grain from the place. A vessel arriving in Sydney from the island, with a cargo of either fodder or grain, will be required to discharge it into lighters, after which the vessel will be fumigated before being permitted to come alongside a wharf or jetty in Port Jackson. The president of the board speaks in commendable terms of the cordial way in which the committee of the Grafton Hospital has assisted Dr. Millard in providing accommodation for plague patients.

DEATH OF A PATIENT.

GRAFTON, Saturday.

John M'Cooey died from plague to-day. The deceased left Ulmarra with a team for the Richmond River, but feeling unwell returned, and died within 40 hours.

There are three other suspicious cases of illness from Ulmarra, two of which are being treated at the Grafton Hospital.

ANOTHER CASE IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

Another case of plague has occurred, the patient being a youth aged 17, residing at Clayfield, near Brisbane. He has been removed to the Colmslie plague hospital.

RUSSIAN REVOLT

DISTURBANCES IN POLAND.

CONFLICTS WITH STRIKERS.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

There are 100,000 strikers at Warsaw, and a further 100,000 at Lodz, Poland, where the strike is general.

The police stopped a meeting of socialists, killing and wounding many.

It is officially announced at Warsaw that a collision took place between the strikers and the troops, two persons being killed and seven others wounded.

The strike is spreading.

No newspapers are published at Warsaw.

Thirty-five dynamite outrages have taken place at Lodz in a week.

SLAUGHTER OF WORKMEN.

There are 60,000 strikers at Riga

Forty-two men were killed and 50 others were severely wounded in the disturbances which took place on Thursday.

Others were drowned in crossing the ice.

No newspapers are published at Riga.

The labour leaders from Riga went to Mitau (27 miles distant) and organised processions by the strikers.

ST. PETERSBURG QUIET.

To outward appearances, St. Petersburg is quiet.

A minority of the strikers have resumed work owing to the stress of circumstances, but the bulk of the men remain on strike.

Later advices state that work is rapidly being resumed at St. Petersburg and Moscow as a result of the privations of the strikers.

PROMISE OF REFORM.

The Government proclamation declaring that General Trepoff's appointment as Governor-General of St. Petersburg is only temporary, and is not repressive, has restored confidence.

The proclamation affirms that it is intended to effect reforms with the re-establishment of order and tranquillity and to satisfy the just demands of the population. This fact is proved, it is pointed out, by General Trepoff's co-operating with M. Kokovtsoff (the Minister for Finance).

CZAR TOLD OF THE MASSACRE.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Express" states that the Duke of Leuchtenberg has told the Czar the truth respecting the troubles which occurred at St. Petersburg on Sunday.

The Czar, who was profoundly surprised, ordered that some of the people who had been taken prisoners should be liberated, and instructed the Ministers to elaborate the reforms already promised.

WORK FOR THE COSSACKS.

The "Times" correspondent at Berlin says that two regiments of Don Cossacks have been summoned to St. Petersburg on the ground that the maintenance of order is a demoralising duty for the guards' regiments.

The measure is interpreted at Berlin as an indication that the agitation has not been quelled to the extent that the authorities represent.

MOSCOW'S PROTEST.

The Moscow municipal council has carried resolutions urging that arms should not be used against women and children, students and workmen, provided they themselves are peaceable; also urging that workmen should be permitted to organise peaceful strikes, and have the right of meeting for trades unions.

CONCESSIONS OBTAINED.

The chemists' assistants have obtained a work day of eight hours.

The confectioners demand a work day of ten hours.

The printers' demands have been conceded.

REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

All the members of the Nizhniy Novgorod Zemstvo have been imprisoned for protesting against the massacre at St. Petersburg.

The liberal daily newspaper "Russkia Viedomosti," of Moscow, has suspended publication for three months.

FATHER GAPON.

It is reported that Father Gapon, who led the strikers to the square before the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg, is lying wounded in the Alafusoff Hospital, and that for a long while he was not recognised.

SYMPATHY ABROAD.

Three thousand Russians at Whitechapel held an enthusiastic meeting of a revolutionary character.

A similar meeting has been held at Paris.

The labour party has protested against the massacres.

A number of societies at Rome have been forbidden to make a demonstration to-morrow against the Russian Government's methods.

FEELING IN FRANCE.

SOCIALISTS DENOUNCE THE ALLIANCE.

The socialists in the Chamber of Deputies made fiery speeches against the policy of M. Rouvier and M. Delcasse in adhering to the alliance with Russia.

There were shouts of "Down with the Czar," and "Down with the assassins."

M. Delcasse delivered a speech, in which he rebuked the socialists, and upheld the alliance.

The Chamber, by 410 votes to 107, approved of the Government's general policy.

CALUMNY ON GREAT BRITAIN.

AN OFFICIAL EXCUSE.

M. Rudneff, the Acting Prefect of Police of Moscow, informed Mr. H. M. Grove, the British Consul at that city, that he issued the placard, which was printed in the Prefecture, charging Great Britain with financing the strikers in Russia, and he did so in order to gain time at the moment of a dangerous crisis.

The Acting Prefect admitted that the placard was not true regarding Great Britain, but said that he suspected Japan.

The Acting Prefect offered to give the British Consul personal satisfaction if he considered that he had been insulted.

Another placard issued at Moscow alleges that London financiers had raised 18,000,000 roubles (about £1,800,000) to assist the Russian strikers and force Russia to make peace in the interests of Japan.

The Chief of Police at Moscow, in defiance of the Government's orders to remove the anti-British placard, has informed the British Consul that the placard will remain on the walls for two days on his own responsibility.

FIRE AT BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Sunday.

A dwelling owned and occupied by Mr. H. K. Frost, with furniture, was destroyed on Thursday night, at North Broken Hill. Only £16 15s in cash and a sewing machine were saved. The house was insured for £100, and the furniture for £35 in the New Zealand Company.

GREAT BATTLE.

MANCHURIAN ARMIES ENGAGED.

RUSSIANS CLAIM SUCCESS.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

The "Lokal Anzieger's" correspondent at Mukden reports that a general engagement continues, and that there are heavy losses on both sides.

The fighting was particularly severe in the centre. Other advices state that the Russians have occupied two villages.

KUROPATKIN'S REPORT.

General Kuropatkin reports that his troops occupied Kheihutaya, after a fierce fight, in which the Russians took 100 prisoners.

The Russians lost 50 killed.

General Kuropatkin also reports that his troops occupied Sandepu.

HEAVY LOSSES.

Unofficial telegrams in reference to the fighting are to the effect that each side has suffered 1000 casualties.

UNSUCCESSFUL COUNTER ATTACK.

The Japanese made an unsuccessful counter attack at Sandepu, the Russian cavalry attacking their left flank and rear. General Kuropatkin claims that he occupied a defile on his left flank.

SEVERE WEATHER.

It is intensely cold on the Sha-ho.

Reuter reports that fog and cold stopped the battle.

A FIFTH JAPANESE ARMY.

A fifth Japanese army is being organised. It will be commanded by General Kawamura.

JAPANESE CRUISER LOST.

It is admitted that the Japanese cruiser Takasago, 4160 tons, has been lost with all hands.

NEW JAPANESE BATTLESHIP.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

Japan is constructing at Yokosuka a battleship of 19,000 tons. It will be the largest and most powerfully armed battleship in the world, and will have a speed of 18¼ knots.

Two armoured cruisers are also being built at Kure.

CABLE TO THE CONSUL.

THE FIGHTING ALONG THE HUN-HO.

JAPANESE VERSION.

Mr. K. Iwasaki, the Japanese Acting Consul-General for Australia, received the following cable from Tokio last night:—

"Marshal Oyama reports:—

"The enemy on the right of the Hun-Ho is showing activity.

"On the 25th inst they advanced with at least one army corps from the district of South Chang-tau, about 28 miles south-west of Mukden, on the right of the Hun-Ho, towards Hei-kou-tai, five miles south of Chang-tau and Chen-chieh-pao, five miles south-east of Chang-tau.

"We assumed the offensive on the 26th. A detachment has already repulsed the enemy at Chen-chieh-pao, consisting of one division, while another, still fighting, has been engaged since the 26th with the enemy, consisting of over one division, at Hei-kou-tai."

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

The fighting along the line of the Hun-ho was severe, General Kuropatkin reports certain successes, including the capture of 100 prisoners, and experience has shown that official statements are entitled to credence, whatever the questionable value of irresponsible reports that drift through. Marshal Oyama, whose account has been cabled to the various Consulates, makes no mention of any prisoners having been taken by the Russians. It may transpire that the Slav has achieved a certain temporary success. Part of the war news sent by our correspondents is warningly described as unofficial, which shows that in Fleet-street, as here, critics made a well-marked distinction between official and unofficial messages, and value them accordingly. The battle was hot on the Japanese left. This is Oku's wing, and General Kuropatkin had ample cause to make a strong movement in this quarter. When the progress of the Japanese had seemingly been checked after the battle of Sha-ho, the left wing contrived to press the enemy still nearer Mukden from a south-west point. To do so they crossed the right (south) bank of the Hun-ho, and late in November the Slav made several determined efforts to oust them from well-fortified positions. General Oku had been approaching Mukden in three almost parallel lines. His left wing went forward in the region west of the Sha-ho (Sand River), and it was this division of his army which crossed the Hun in November. One of the principal objects of Kuropatkin—putting political and moral considerations on one side for the moment—was to recapture the positions taken in November by General Oku. There is, however, no suggestion that the Japanese left has been compelled to retire across the frozen Hun, from which it is to be inferred that the Russian success has not been so complete as was probably hoped.

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It is not difficult to discern Kuropatkin's strategical impulse, which was to strengthen his flanks—the sensitive parts of any great army. Assuming a certain mild success on the Russian right, we turn to the centre, and find that here the fighting was particularly severe. If a Berlin correspondent is correct in describing the battle as a "general engagement," which suggests that Nodzu and Kuroki were drawn into it, this struggle in the centre refers to a Japanese effort to retake Lone Tree Hill. When the battle of Sha-ho was in its closing stages the Russian centre counter-attacked and retook this height with 12 guns. It was one of the rare feats of arms approaching brilliancy in attack that stand to the credit of the Slav. Eastward the fighting was of a different kind. The Russian generalissimo claims to have occupied a defile on his left flank. There have been frequent skirmishes in this hilly region, including the occasion when Prince Kan-in penetrated thither with his cavalry. If the engagement was a general one the fighting now reported was about 65 miles east-north-east of Liao-yang, and represents the extreme easterly limit of Marshal Oyama's operations. The Japanese have so far failed to press the enemy to Fu-shun, but in March next, if not before, Fu-shun will figure with prominence in one of the greatest battles of history. If the Japanese right under Kuroki is successful in the projected turning movement, Fu-shun will be the scene of a great struggle. General Rennenhampf was in command of the Russian forces on the left. Kuroki and Nodzu after Sha-ho held the entire range from the Ta-ling (pass) to where the line of hills dips into the plain. Beyond them westward was the balance of Nodzu's army, and still further westward Oku's army. The front proper of the combined armies is between 20 and 30 miles, but with extra flank detachments included the distance is roughly 40 miles. Direct roads do not exist on Kuroki's wing, and the passes are few. The country is wild and picturesque.

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That the Russian attack was made in response to urgings from St. Petersburg is of little moment. It has served its political purpose, and apart from strategical positions gained it served another purpose that will receive military appreciation. Kuropatkin is brushing up the morale of his army. Before the next great battle is fought it is incumbent upon him to reinspire his troops with ideas of success. The Cossack raid assisted towards that end. Minor engagements may be expected from time to time. It will be interesting to observe the generalship in the coming battle. On the past history of the war the Japanese might with confidence attack, but Colonel Gaedke suggests that the offensive will rest with Kuropatkin. So far, although the Russian Generalissimo has been defeated in several pitched battles, he has followed the approved Continental methods, looking at his plans broadly. That they failed during 1904 may be due to causes apart from the Generalissimo. If half the charges against the officers are true the plans of any leader would be foredoomed to failure, when we also take into consideration that opposed to Ivan is an infantryman of the quality of the typical Japanese. The methods of the latter represent a particular German school. General Meckel, of the German army, taught the Japanese in military matters, but his ardent belief in the frontal attack is not shared by a majority of European experts. At Sha-ho the attack of the Japanese was equally powerful along the entire front. In reality there were three armies on each side, and the Japanese attack pressed back each Russian army simultaneously, thereby enabling the enemy, despite huge slaughter, to make a gradual and orderly retreat.

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The Napoleonic method would have been to hurl back the Russian right while the Japanese centre and right were held in restraint, and when the flank attack had succeeded the other armies would have been thrown forward to complete the victory. Equal pressure all along the line might give success, but the loss of life would necessarily be fearful, and the enemy's confusion would not be so great as by making the first object the crumpling up of one of the wings. It may be said that Japanese success is justification of the methods employed, but it remains an interesting question for future study whether something more decisive might not have been accomplished, while another point is the extent to which the invincible gallantry of the common soldier has given to ordinary generalship almost a spark of genius.

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In the fightiny that is the subject of to-day's cables, it is almost unnecessary to point out that the combatants by no means represented the full strength available. The details of the battle give little enlightenment, and we are dependent upon a Berlin message for the assurance that it was a general engagement, which in view of Marshal Oyama's cablegram is daubtful. It is a matter that will be cleared up; meanwhile it is a question whether the words left and centre do not refer only to operations on the Russian right, and not to a general battle along the whole position.

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Some time ago it transpired that the fine Japanese battleship Yashima had been sunk. The Japanese long concealed the event. It is now admitted that the cruiser Takasago, 4160 tons, has been lost with all hands—350 to 400. Secrecy is part of the Japanese policy. It is characteristic, and it may also be politic in time of war if a nation will tolerate it. The British public demands to know the worst in the event of a reverse, and although subdued by disaster, is doggedly confident of ultimate success. The Japanese pursue the policy of keeping the public ignorant of trouble, and giving them full details of any success. In this way the national mind is undisturbed during a period of nervous anticipation, and the bad news is told at some convenient time when a crisis has been surmounted. The horror of a past disaster is soothed by time, and reflections upon material loss are swallowed up by joys over successes that more than compensate for the hitherto concealed tragedies. There is no direct statement that the Takasago has not struck a mine since Port Arthur fell, but it will be a surprise if it does not transpire that the warship was sunk months ago.

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That a battleship is to be built in Japan is an event of great significance to the Eastern race. It will be the first. Although engaged in a desperate war, Japan is showing herself capable of engaging in great internal enterprises. Her efforts to replace the Hatsuse and other lost warships without calling upon British firms is an example of the tenacity of purpose of this remarkable people.

HAILED BY A RUSSIAN MAN-O'-WAR.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

The White Star liner Cufic, which arrived from Liverpool on Friday, had an encounter with a Russian man-of-war on January 2. Just before reaching the latitude of the Cape, the Cufic overtook the large German steamer Bulgaria, apparently laden with coal for the Far East. At 8 o'clock the same night the White Star liner was herself overtaken by a Russian cruiser, which, on coming within hailing distance, reduced speed, and kept in line all night. At 6 o'clock next morning the Russian signalled the Cufic to show her ensign. This was done, and the cruiser then steamed round the Cufic's stern, apparently to see the port of registry. This seemed to give satisfaction, and the Russian steamed off. In the opinion of the Cufic's officers, the Bulgaria was being escorted by the cruiser.

BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

An election was held yesterday to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons for North Dorset in the place of Mr. J. K. Wingfield-Digby (Conservative). The election resulted in the return of Mr. Wills, the Liberal candidate, by a majority of 909 over Mr. Baker, his Conservative opponent.

The polling was:—

Wills (Liberal)	4,239
Baker (Conservative)	3,330

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

At the wool sales to-day merinos were irregular, and faulties were in buyers' favour. Crossbreds are unchanged.

Jan. 28.

The following prices were realised for the fleeces mentioned:—Wellshot, Canallay, 9d; Napnap, 10¼d; Taufane, Motuataria, 11¾d; Brookong, 11½d; Benyea, 14½d; Manuka, 22½d.

Jan. 29.

There was keen competition for fine wools yesterday.

The following prices were realised:—Amby Downs, Bowen Downs, 9½d; Mulwala, 10¾d; Otago, 12½d; Poukawa, 13d; Goonoo, 13 1-8d.

The quantity of wool catalogued for the series was 108,640 bales, of which 101,459 were sold.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

An insurrection has broken out in the Republic of Santo Domingo. The United States cruiser Dixie, 6145 tons, with 500 marines, is hurrying from New Orleans.

Lady Samuel, Lady Hamilton, Lady Fremantle, and Mrs. James gave an "at home" yesterday in celebration of the Australian Anniversary Day. A number of Australian artists showed pictures.

Jan. 28.

For the first time in 32 years a Conservative Administration has been returned in the State of Ontario.

WHOLESOME FOOD.
Amidst adulterations and fakes of all kinds keep the children's food at least PURE. Give them ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOT BISCUITS.—Advt.

SECOND EDITION

FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA

RUSSIANS REPULSED.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

Marquis Oyama reports that the last army corps advanced five miles south of Chang-tau (about 28 miles south-west of Mukden). The Japanese repulsed one division at Chen-chieh-pao (five miles south-east of Chang-tau), and is still fighting another division at Hei-kou-tai.

VLADIVOSTOCK TO BE ATTACKED.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

The railway from Chemulpo to Seoul is preparing to transport 20,000 Japanese troops from Dalny, who will shortly traverse Seoul and proceed against Vladivostock.

BLOCKADE-RUNNING.

AMERICAN STEAMER CAPTURED.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

The Japanese have captured the American steamer Dollar, bound from San Francisco to Vladivostock with a cargo of provisions and forage.

BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

Port Said advices are to the effect that some vessels of the Baltic fleet are expected homewards shortly.

It is reported that a portion of the fleet will visit the Persian Gulf.

CHINA'S NEUTRALITY

A CHALLENGE TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

Mr. Hay, the United States Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply to Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, practically challenged Russia to submit to a conference of the Powers China's alleged non-fulfilment of her duties as a neutral, and he emphasised the manner in which her obligations had been fulfilled in the Askold case. It is understood at New York that Russia prefers a policy of inaction.

RUSSIA.

CONFERENCE OF MANUFACTURERS.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

A conference of manufacturers has been held at Kovno, the Governor of the province presiding.

It was decided to increase wages after the resumption of work, and to establish a committee of employers and employed, to consider means of improving workmen's surroundings.

A RICH DIAMOND.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

A diamond of 3000 carats has been discovered in the Premier mine, Johannesburg.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

King Edward unveiled a memorial at the Windsor Garrison Church to 742 officers and men of the household and brigade guards who died in South Africa. A touching military service took place.

STRIKE AT WARSAW.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

The strike at Warsaw was not expected. The manufacturers had made substantial concessions in shorter hours and higher wages, but a few agitators induced a group of workmen to compel their comrades to strike.

A FATAL FALL.

A man named Finley, lately residing at the People's Palace, Pitt-street, fell out of bed on Saturday morning, and fractured his skull. Constable Phillips conveyed him to the Sydney Hospital. He died shortly after 3 o'clock this morning.

IMPERIAL POLITICS.

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

EMPIRE CONSOLIDATION.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Mr. Balfour, the Prime Minister, in the course of a speech at Manchester, said that the Government did not intend to rush to the country, which had not called for an appeal. Nor was it intended to decide the colonial aspect of the fiscal question until two elections had passed. When the conference had drafted a scheme it must be referred to the electorates in the motherland and the colonies.

Without freedom, Mr. Balfour declared, the conference would end in smoke.

"When the decision comes," he added, "let it be a decision from which no single part will ever be tempted to withdraw, and a decision marking a further step in the consolidation of the Empire."

STRIKE IN PRUSSIA.

REMEDIAL LEGISLATION.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Prussia is passing a bill to regulate miners' hours, abolish fines, and cancelling the payments for trollies containing dross.

HELP FROM ENGLAND.

The British Miners' Federation is sending £2000 weekly to the colliers on strike in Westphalia.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Count Tisza's party has been badly defeated at the elections. The united Opposition have a majority of 35.

THE STEAMER KALGOORLIE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The steamer Kalgoorlie, which has been lying at anchor in Hobson's Bay since the withdrawal of her commission 18 months ago, is being placed in the dry dock for overhaul. This led to a rumour that the vessel had been sold to the Japanese. Inquiry at the office of M'Ilwraith, M'Eacharn, and Co., Ltd., elicited that the vessel was to undergo a complete overhaul, but her future movements had not been decided upon.

We are requested to draw attention to the omission of the 10ft Australia from the programme of the Anniversary Regatta.

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SAILING CARNIVAL.

INTERESTING INTERSTATE CONTESTS.

A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE.

QUEENSLAND WINS THE 14ft. CHAMPIONSHIP.

N.S.W. TAKES THE 10ft CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first races of the interstate sailing carnival were contested on Saturday afternoon. An ENE breeze of moderate strength held sway, and the prevailing conditions were all that could be desired. Thus favoured, the first day's racing of the carnival was attended with the greatest success. No fewer than five commodious steamers had been chartered by the committee to follow the races, and these were not only packed with enthusiastic sightseers, but many anxious to witness the contests had to be left behind at several of the wharfs. Clark Island, the starting and finishing point of the races, was very largely availed of as a point of vantage, and from this picturesque spot a capital view of the sport was had, and without the discomfort of the crowding that prevailed on most of the steamers. In addition to the Cobar (the umpire's boat), Lady Manning, Lady Mary, Lady Napier, and Carbine, many other steamers, launches, and craft of all descriptions followed the races, each with its complement of spectators anxious to secure a good view of the contests.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the vicinity of Clark Island was literally dotted with innumerable craft of various types and sizes, and the spectacle was one that will not be easily forgotten. The manoeuvring for positions at the start of the races was perhaps the feature of the afternoon's sport, and when it is understood that something like 30 boats took part, and that in each race the competitors crossed the starting line almost simultaneously, the display and the animation of the situation may be easily imagined. The boats, too, sported their largest sails, and as they traversed the course, accompanied by the large following of non-competing craft of every description, the scene, apart from the racing point of view, was a remarkably striking one.

Three States were represented—Queensland, Western Australia, and New South Wales—and it is safe to say that never before has such racing as that provided on Saturday been witnessed, so far as the 14ft and 10ft classes are concerned. The 14ft and 10ft interstate championships were the races decided. Queensland won the former event, notwithstanding that one of her representatives, the Queenslander, came into collision with the Sydney boat Cutty Sark, with the result that both were disabled, and did not compete. Thus it was that Violet was left to fight the battle on behalf of the Northern State, and she succeeded in defeating all of her opponents, including the Western Australian representative and the crack boats and skippers of Sydney and Botany. She got away well at the start, and was soon at the head of the fleet, in company with the Sydney boat Jessie. Both made a great race of it on the work down the harbour, with Jessie in front, but at the lightship the Queensland boat took the lead. For the run to Shark Island she sent up a big cloud of canvas, including a topsail, spinnaker, ringtail, and watersail. On the other hand, Jessie was content with squaring a ballooner, and then in the effort to set this extra it got overboard, thereby enabling Violet to draw away. The latter soon increased her lead, and sailing in grand style never afterwards gave her opponents a chance, and eventually finished the winner by 1m 15s from Jessie. She won absolutely on her merits, and the greatest credit is due to her skipper (C. Crouch) and crew, who handled their charge faultlessly. Just why W. Read, who skippered Jessie, failed to send up his topsail, spinnaker, etc., for the run to Shark Island is inexplicable, for unless he had an over-exalted opinion of the capabilities of his boat he could not have expected to keep pace with the Queensland representative without them. Geo. Ellis piloted Wandeen home third, 2m 9s behind Jessie, while Chris. Webb did well to get fourth in Rene. Irex was third at the lightship, but sailed disappointingly over the remainder of the course, and finished fifth. The Western Australian representative was next. Her sail was very "baggy," and as a result her windward work was not up to the mark, but she made good pace off the wind.

As Violet neared the finishing line the scene was one of much excitement. She was surrounded by the steamers and other craft, and was greeted with the discordant screeches of syrens, steamer whistles, etc., the steamers' "cock-a-doodle doos" being much in evidence. Violet is owned by H. Chapman, and was built by G. Crouch, this being her first season. Jessie, which was constructed by Edgar Deering, is the latest addition to the local fleet, and is the property of A. West. Wandeen was built by Wm. Holmes, M'Mahon's Point, and is owned by Geo. Hauer.

In the 10-footers' race Irex and Iduna, from Queensland, were pitted against 12 of the local "tens" and one from Newcastle. Crescent, with C. Dunn at the tiller, led practically all the way, and won by 30s from the Queensland representative Irex, which only just defeated Planet by the narrow margin of 1s. Iduna, the other Queensland boat, finished seventh. Of the competitors in this race, Una, Empire, and the Newcastle boat Australia capsized. Crescent is owned by E. Bestic, and was built by C. Dunn, who sailed her. Irex is owned and sailed by A. Homann, while Planet is the property of L. Clarke, who sailed his boat.

Mr. Mark Foy was the commodore of the day, and the other officials were:—Starter, Mr. A. W. Griffith; umpire, Mr. A. S. Andrews; judge, Mr. W. Anderson; timekeepers, Messrs. T. L. Mulhall and P. J. Evennett; steamer officials, Messrs. Alf. Jones, M. and J. Weslan, J. Ryan, Geo. Hauer, J. Young, T. Parcell, E. R. King, and H. Hamill.

THE RACING.

14FT INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Violet, Queensland (C. Crouch), £20 and "Australian Star" gold medal	1
Jessie, N.S.W. (W. Read), £3	2
Wanderer, N.S.W. (George Ellis), £2	3

The other starters were:—Rene, Chris. Garland (Western Australia; Queenslander, W. Spring (Queensland); Clio, W. Dunn, Wandeen, Geo. Ellis, Jessie, W. Read, Irex, W. J. Holmes, Pastime, J. Emerson, Rene, Chris. Webb, Cutty Sark, P. Cowie (Sydney); Air Motor, W. Duncan, sen., Euchre, W. Duncan, jun., Camira, R. Longfield (Botany); and Amy Palmer, J. Palmer (Middle Harbour).

Irex, Violet, and Jessie got the best of a good start, which was by the five-flag system, the Rene (W.A.) being one of the last to get away. Wandeen soon came about to get clear of the ruck, and her move was followed by Clio. They only made a short stretch, and then with the others stood across to Bradley's Head. Here it was noticed that Jessie and Violet were in front, with Irex next. Both Jessie and Violet stood out from Bradley's Head on the port tack, and on coming about Violet was just crossed by Jessie. The fleet was much scattered on the work down the harbour, but of the others Euchre, Wandeen, and Rene (N.S.W.) were doing best. Close to the lightship Violet caught Jessie and put her about, and after standing on somewhat the pair came in stays and stood to the lightship, Violet being to leeward, but just ahead. At the ship she was timed 2s ahead of Jessie, the times here being: Violet 4h 32m 31s, Jessie 4h 32m 34s, Irex 4h 33m 54s, Wandeen 4h 34m 46s, Euchre 4h 34m 55s, Rene (N.S.W.) 4h 34m 58s, Clio 4h 35m 10s, Rene 4h 35m 45s, Pastime 4h 36m 11s.

Violet now had her topsail set, and once clear of the "Pigs" sent up her big spinnaker, and afterwards added her ringtail and watersail. Jessie, as before stated, got her ballooner in the water, and by the time it was squared Violet had drawn away. Most of the others carried spinnakers, but Irex and Rene (W.A.)) were exceptions. Wandeen, as a result, closed upon Irex, and the run to Shark Island saw both Renes ahead of Euchre, and Clio behind the latter. Violet squared away at the island buoy with an advantage of 1m 8s in hand from Jessie, which was 1m 9s ahead of Irex, with Wandeen 24s further astern. Violet, without jibing, ran some distance past the mark before getting her extras in, but she got further ahead on the journey to Clark Island. Over this portion of the course, too, Wandeen passed Irex, and rounding the starter's boat the times were recorded as follow:—Violet 4h 59m 57s, Jessie 5h 1m 31s, Wandeen 5h 2m 28s, Irex 5h 2m 52s, Rene (N.S.W.) 5h 3m 52s, Rene (W.A.) 5h 4m 4s, Euchre 5h 4m 44s, Clio 5h 5m 16s.

It was now a work to Taylor Bay, and the breeze freshening somewhat, Jessie recovered some of her lost ground, and at the Taylor Bay mark had reduced Violet's advantage to 52s. Here Rene (N.S.W.) had improved her position, and was ahead of Irex, whilst Rene (W.A.), having again been at a disadvantage with her sail, had given place to Euchre. The positions remained the same on the lead to Shark Island, but notwithstanding the addition of a topsail by Jessie, the Violet increased her lead. As a result of the run to the finish the positions were unchanged, except that Rene (W.A.) just defeated Euchre. The finishing times were: Violet, 5h 38m 57s; Jessie, 5h 40m 12s; Wandeen, 5h 42m 21s; Rene (N.S.W.), 5h 43m 22s; Irex, 5h 44m 21s; Rene (W.A.), 5h 45m 2s; Euchre, 5h 45m 8s; Clio, 5h 46m 7s.

10FT. INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Crescent, N.S.W. (C. Dunn), £10, and "Australian Star" gold medal	1
Irex, Q. (A. Homann), £2	2
Planet, N.S.W. (L. Clarke), £1	3

The other starters were:—Iduna, G. Klassen (Queensland); Australia, S. Thoroughgood (Newcastle); Charmont, J. Hartland, Pheasant, W. Purcell, Una, W. Edney, Othello, D. Murray, Ensign, F. Petherbridge, Arthur L. Finch, Venora, T. Keddie, Shamrock, A. Edginton, Thelma, P. Harry, Empire, T. Tate (Sydney).

A good start under the five-flag system was effected, the first to cross the line being Venora, Irex, and Crescent, then coming Una and Othello, followed by the rest of the fleet in a bunch. Crescent asserted herself at the outset, and was soon out to windward of her immediate rivals, Irex and Venora. Othello broke tacks, and made a short board towards Point Piper. Crescent was more than holding her own with the Queensland representative Irex, but both of these craft were too good for Venora, which was already dropping astern. As a result of the work to the Taylor Bay mark, Crescent rounded 40s ahead of Irex, with Othello, Planet, and Una following in that order. Most of the boats carried ballooners on the lead to Shark Island, and over this part of the course Planet excelled herself and jibed at the buoy in second position, closely followed by Othello and Irex, in that order. Crescent was taking no chances, and went in stays at the buoy, but Una essayed the jibe, and capsized. Spinnakers were set square for the run to Clark Island, and over this part of the course Irex resumed second place, while Othello also succeeded in displacing Planet, the order of the others being Australia, Venora, and Iduna.

The Queensland dingy Iduna displaced Venora on the work to Taylor Bay, but with this exception the order rounding Taylor Bay mark was the same as at Clark Island, although Irex had gained a trifle on Crescent. Making for Shark Island, Planet again exhibited a fine turn of speed, and displaced Othello. Jibing at the buoy, Crescent was 59s ahead of Irex, which had but 11s to spare from Planet. The Newcastle representative, Australia, turned turtle on the final run home. Barring accidents, Crescent's victory was now assured, but the race for second place saw Irex challenged by the speedy little Planet. The latter soon drew up with the Queenslander, and a "neck and neck" struggle to the finish ensued. Crescent crossed the finishing line with 30s in hand from Irex, which gained a verdict from Planet by 1s, the final order and times being: Crescent, 5h 20m 30s; Irex, 5h 21m; Planet, 5h 21m 1s; Othello, 5h 24m 5s; Arthur, 5h 24m 15s; Venora, 5h 24m 25s; Iduna, 5h 24m 29s.

WEDNESDAY'S RACES.

A number of entries have already been received for the 14ft and 10ft interstate challenge races (handicaps) on Wednesday, and further entries will be taken up till this evening at Waddell's Hotel.

VICTORIA.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY.

THE LATE NEWCASTLE COAL STRIKE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Metropolitan Gas Company, Mr. John Grice, chairman of directors, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said the net profits for the half-year, including a balance of £3059 brought forward, amounted to £55,000. From this sum £10,000 had been transferred to the reserve fund, £3000 to the meter renewal fund, £500 to the gas stoves account, and the directors recommended payment of a dividend at the rate of 4s 6d per share. This would absorb £38,574, and leave a balance of £2925 to be carried forward. The board of directors had begun modestly with the installation of slot meters, and were feeling their way. So far the returns as a whole were satisfactory, and should they continue to be so, the slot system would be extended. In addition to one-penny-in-the-slot meters, they had one-shilling-in-the-slot meters for those who required them. Referring to the recent coal strike at Newcastle, he said that whilst all must regret the disastrous effects such an unfortunate occurrence had upon commercial interests throughout the Commonwealth, it had served to demonstrate the policy of maintaining a stock of coal sufficient to guarantee a full supply to consumers of gas in Melbourne, and to maintain at their full efficiency the public street lighting contracts into which the company had entered for anything less than a prolonged strike. He was glad to see that since he had written his remarks the strike was over, and that it had not cost the shareholders of the gas company one single penny. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

At the coroner's inquest on the body of Mrs. Head, who was found dead in her dwelling at South Richmond on Friday, Dr. Rennie, who made the post mortem examination, said that death was due to an injury to the brain caused by a fall, but the kidneys were also extensively diseased. The inquest was further adjourned.

A proclamation has been issued further proroguing the State Parliament from February 1 to March 28.

The weather yesterday was oppressively hot and sultry. The thermometer registered 89 in the shade at 9 a.m., and then gradually rose until 3 p.m., when it stood at 105. Half an hour later it had dropped to 93.

QUEENSLAND.

HONOURED BY THE MIKADO.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

An officer of the N.D.L. steamer Willebad stated in an interview that the Willebad conveyed 832 Japanese refugees in November last from Bremen to Japan. The refugees had been expelled from Vladivostock, Port Arthur, and other towns in Manchuria, and sent by rail to Russian territory. The refugees lost everything during the journey across Russia, and complained that the Russian soldiers took everything belonging to the refugees that they could lay hands on. On arrival at Nagasaki the officers of the vessel were entertained in recognition of their services, and similar compliments were paid at Mogi, Kobe, and Yokohama. At Yokohama the captain was received by the Mikado, and an Order was conferred on him.

THE ROUS ELECTORATE.

MR. HINDMARSH'S CANDIDATURE.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY IN SUPPORT.

Owing the probability of a severe contest for the Rous electorate, efforts were made by the supporters of Mr. Hindmarsh, the Liberal and Reform candidate, to secure the services of a Minister in the electorate to speak on his behalf. These have been successful, as Mr. Hogue, the Chief Secretary, leaves for that district by train on Thursday evening. He will be the only Minister taking part in the campaign. The Government recognise the importance of a Liberal stronghold like Rous not being lost to the cause, especially in the present condition of parties, as its representation by a Liberal will strengthen the hands of the Administration in carrying out their legislative policy, and will further tend to prevent the creation of a third party, which will hold the balance of power, and do again what has caused so much mischief in our public life in the past. A victory for the Government will also mean that the restoration of responsible government in its integrity, which is one of the planks in its platform, will be rendered more certain and complete.

LISMORE, Friday.

Mr. Hindmarsh has had an enthusiastic meeting at Clunes, and thence he journeyed to the Tweed, where he is having good meetings.

MR. MEAGHER'S CANDIDATURE.

LISMORE, Friday.

Mr. R. D. Meagher has addressed one of the largest political meetings in Lismore. He said that he came as an independent candidate. He contended that Mr. Carruthers went into power on a false pretence, and that Mr. Waddell had proved more of a reformer than Mr. Carruthers.

The candidate was accorded a vote of confidence.

THE ASHFIELD ELECTORATE.

MR. WINCHCOMBE OBTAINS LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On Friday evening Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., addressed a large meeting of his constituents at Ashfield, and announced his intention of proceeding to England shortly. He desired to consult those who had returned him to Parliament in order to see whether, in view of the state of parties in the House, they thought he ought to resign. Mr. Winchcombe was supported by Mr. S. W. Moore, M.L.A. (Minister for Mines and Agriculture), Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., Senator J. P. Gray, Messrs. Beale, Foster, and others.

Mr. Winchcombe said that he had consulted Mr. Carruthers on his proposed absence, and the leader of the Government had told him that if it came to a question of the Government depending for its existence on one vote he would prefer to leave office. Mr. Cohen had promised to look after the electorate for him, but if a large number of his supporters desired it he would resign. Further, if he found he could not get back in a reasonable time after Parliament reassembled he would resign. Reviewing the political situation, he said that he had already expressed his satisfaction with the Carruthers Government, and its reasonable methods of securing reform, but what seemed to him a matter of far greater importance was that their British creditors also appeared to be very well satisfied, as was proved by their action in regard to the recent successful loan. Mr. Carruthers might have secured more praise in certain quarters had he slaughtered the Civil Service and saved money by doing an injustice. Because he had adopted more reasonable, if slower, methods of retrenchment, the Premier had been blamed. He (Mr. Winchcombe) believed that the people when they desired less members of Parliament expected that the returned members would agree to a reduction in their Parliamentary allowance. He hoped that steps would be taken to bring about this desirable form of saving of the public funds. (Applause.)

Approval of Mr. Winchcombe's action was cordially given by the meeting. The meeting also affirmed its entire satisfaction with Mr. Winchcombe's representation of the electorate, and its desire that he should not resign while out of the State.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 30.

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LABOUR IN POLITICS.

ITS GROWTH AND AIMS.

I.

THE PROBLEM STATED.

It is proposed to enter on a discussion of Labour in Politics, which it is hoped will be of some practical use. At the start it will be well to define as clearly as possible the critical attitude it seems right to adopt. There is not, and there never has been, a question of greater moment than the one we are called upon, whether in State or Commonwealth, to face and answer. There is not, and there never has been, a question so difficult to write of with absolute fearlessness and truth. None has appealed so much to ignorance and passion on both sides; from none has the judicial, the scientific spirit been more consistently distant. Nowhere else have the real and abiding issues been so obscured by the self-interest that limits, and nowhere have the partisans of one aspect or another become so largely the victims, and made others the victims with them, of imaginary panaceas that become the disease of the day after publication. We have to watch the accumulating degeneration of politics into a meaningless scramble, destitute of high aim and bankrupt in integrity of purpose. And why? Is it not that we have allowed Politics to become merely a red rag, shaken before the greatest prejudices of the greatest number? And Policy based on Prejudice will surely lead us to the Abyss. There are manifest faults in organised Labour, but the ignorance and short-sightedness are not all on that side. A despotism of labour would be intolerable and destructive to material progress. A despotism of capital, or the loan-monger, would be no more tolerable, and it would do worse than destroy money; it would destroy manhood. We are constantly being told that we must organise against Labour. So we must. But if we interpret that to mean organising on behalf of vested interests wherever they clash with the fair claims of men and women we had better not organise at all. The large dangers that loom before us are only to be shattered by a large wisdom. Labour, it seems to many of us, has blundered grievously as to its aims, and grievously as to its instruments. But a policy of retaliation, springing from whatever side, makes the same road to ruin; except this, that individually the capitalistic classes have more to lose and stand a better chance of losing it. Labour has become, and will doubtless remain, for some years at any rate, a cleavage line in Politics. Undoubtedly there is a menace in this, but it is senseless to exaggerate that menace. If the wildest dreams of alarmists came true, and Labour captured every Government in the country, we should probably all be astonished how gently graded the descent into Avernus would be. Even Labour cannot run far ahead of public opinion; when the Labour captain does happen to get on the bridge he is pretty quick to signal "Half speed ahead!" Meantime, let us be quite frank in our opposition to Labour, as it is exploited by Labour parties, but let us look carefully to the kind of opposition we indulge in. Those who think to succeed by reaction, by uniting capital and all its works into an invincible combine, will do more to precipitate a transitory and disastrous plunge into socialism than all the wobbling collectivism of labour leaders, who only understand the bottom half of business. Exploiters of class prejudice, whatever disguises they may assume, may confidently expect to reap what they sow. Nor will it do to go into the fight clad in the medieval armour of the "old liberalism," or the "new conservatism." The catch-phrases and party cries of a past generation make a very poor crop for a new century. We shall learn to make genuine progress when we learn to be afraid of our past. We have to work out our political destiny among the facts of to-day, and discover our political ideals by the clear and full light of our own knowledge rather than by the rushlights of the 19th century. If the old parties have lost their contents and cannot hold what we have to put in them we must make a new one. "I dare say the time may come," said John Morley 10 years ago, "when the Liberal Party will be transformed or superseded," and if John Morley was not a Liberal where is one to be found? Lord Rosebery, who represents a distinct point of view, had said a few months earlier, "I am certain that there is a party in this country that is disconnected with any political organisations, a party that is inclined to say, 'a plague on both of your houses, a plague on all your politics, a plague on all your unending discussions that yield so little fruit.'" Ten years have intensified that feeling, and made it common to Australia also. On one side it is a reaction to the common sense of the incoherent majority, a common sense that demands as far as may be to be simply let alone. It would seem to be one of the easiest things in the world not to legislate, but experience shows it is one of the most difficult. It is to that common sense we must appeal—it is found among those who work with their hands as well as among those who make capital work for them—to save the State from being crushed in a conflict of prejudice and self-interest. But on another side this is more than a reaction to common sense. It is a recognition, not wholly conscious yet, of the new time, of the new argument that must arise to meet the new sophistry. A world that is tired of the futile salvation of shibboleths will begin to try to find safety in science—in an absolutely truthful and scientific discussion of its difficulties and dangers, recognising fearlessly the changed condition that implies a new politics, and steadfastly opposing socialism, for example, not because that seems to threaten our vested interests, but because it is itself threatened by common sense, discredited by experience, and overwhelmed by the judgment of science.

DEMOCRACY IN THE MAKING.

As soon as intelligence makes itself felt in politics, no doubt we shall be on the road to a type of democracy a good deal different from that which we inherited from the 19th century. Perhaps it may help us to be a little less bitter in our judgments of each other to reflect that what we see around us in the nature of the case cannot be final, but a mere element of transition. As we look back we can see that the development of labour in politics was inevitable. It has its root in the fundamental paradox of democracy—one man, one vote. Mr. Wells has brilliantly described this as "the doctrine of the infallible judgment of humanity in the gross as distinguished from the quite indisputable incapacity of sample individuals." We must let the paradox stand. It is the primary condition of the problem. But there are two points that must be mentioned. However right it may have been, that power should descend to the people, there is no doubt that that descent for the present makes against strong government. "The one danger that confronts Australian politics," said General Booth a dozen years ago, "is the danger which results from the fear in the minds of the legislators of the people whom they ought to govern." This temptation of popular control was anticipated by Burke with his usual insight:—"When the leaders choose to make themselves bidders at an auction of popularity their talents will be of no service. They will become flatterers instead of legislators, the instruments not the guides of the people. If any of them should happen to propose a scheme of liberty, soberly limited, and defined with proper qualifications, he will be immediately outbid by his competitors, who will produce something more popularly splendid. Moderation will be stigmatised as the virtue of cowards and compromise as the prudence of traitors; until, in hopes of preserving the credit which may enable him to temper and moderate on some occasions, the popular leader is obliged to become active in propagating doctrines and establishing powers that will afterwards defeat any sober purpose at which he ultimately might have aimed." That was, and still remains, precisely true. There is no denying that labour parties for the time being have got a considerable body of electors at their back. As a result, all our Governments show incredible weakness in dealing with labour propositions. They have not only submitted to dictation which would make the average man use his boot, and bargained unblushingly for "support in return for concessions," but they have shown a manifest tendency to slide out of all responsibility down a referendum which lands them on their knees at the feet of the sovereign people. It is really this weakness more than any real strength of militant unionism which makes labour a menace to prosperity. This stereotyped attitude of "appeal to the people" on the part of those who are supposed to be able to govern them is, perhaps, the most contemptible and pathetic thing in political life. Through it we work down to the lowest level of grey mediocrity, we dare pay no premium to intelligence, and we force ourselves to conduct our affairs "as though there was no such thing as special knowledge or practical education."

THE SECOND POINT.

The second point to be noted about this one-man-one-vote principle is that it implies a democracy which is quite unprecedented. We have no experience of the ages to guide us. Burke would have shuddered at it, Rousseau would have wept over it, and Voltaire would have made it into an epigram. It is quite true that we can sum up the political evolution of the nineteenth century as the descent of power, but we must remember that we have nothing to parallel this in earlier times. The progress and the problems are alike new. Neither Magna Charta nor Bill of Rights contemplated it. There were, it is true, democracies in the ancient world. But the parallel is inexact and misleading. There citizenship was the privilege of an element born and bred to rule. This was more akin to the Whig oligarchy of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries than to democracy as we know it. The Roman Republic itself endured only so long as the "cives Romani" constituted a ruling class superior in morals to the ruled. Citizenship did for these people what caste did for India. As soon as Rome degenerated into a corn-fed mob or middle-age pensions the Caesars came—and had to. In France the mere madness of popular control that made the Revolution ended in Napoleon. We do not quote these things to hint that democracy develops into despotism; we quote them to remind ourselves that our own experiment has got to justify itself by results or suffer the elimination of the least fit which nature meets out to governments and individuals alike.

In the light of that evolution those who attribute the activity of labour to original sin seem clearly wrong. There were, of course, special and adverse conditions that went to the making of our Labour parties. Their hour came, lit not by a steady radiance, but the glitter of evil stars. Yet if we had avoided that, the development would still have been much the same. There was no great strike, for example, at the back of the Seddon regime in New Zealand. It is true we have run our necks into the first rope we found ready to hang us; but we must get it out as philosophically as we can. Behind the widened franchise ever stalks the spectre of class representation. Now, there never was a more dangerous doctrine than this, which we hear so often—that labour has a right to representation. When we say so we mistake utterly the business of politics. Although we must not be misled by the phrase "social organism," politics is, in a way, the corporate brain and the corporate arm. It is its business to arrange affairs so as to give each human unit the maximum individual freedom to do the work which falls to it, the maximum equality of opportunity to enjoy the individual life, which yet, in some subtle way, is bound up into the corporate life of all. The artery carrying blood to cell and tissue does not ask these to explain whether they are brain or muscle. The cell as a unit is divorced from all its attendant circumstances. And in that relation precisely stands the citizen to politics. As a citizen he has an equal share with every other in deciding how his own rights are to be preserved consistently with the equal preservation of the rights of others. But the moment we get away from this and begin making Parliament represent not the citizen himself but the citizen's purple cloak or pauper rags, we introduce an element which representative government, which the mere science of politics, never contemplated. The thing reduces to absurdity. If representation is a natural right of labour as such it is a natural right of capital as such, of production as such, of administrative services as such. Every cog and crank of the creaking social machinery must shriek! And indeed we begin to see this fin-de-siecle folly in its fruit.

THE PROBLEM AS IT IS.

It is out of this roughly sketched development of democracy that the labour question in its wider implication springs. We share it with America, with Europe, with every country in which the enfranchisement of new elements is going on. What we do not share is the excuse labour has elsewhere for agitation, for an attempt to escape from a regime that has often ruthlessly exploited it. We have gone, everyone of us, more than half-way to meet the industrial and social demands of labour. We have given it safeguards that touch the limit of reason, we have come in many instances very near the point of share and share alike as between labour and capital, we have avoided monopolies and millionaires, no one threatens to exploit our staple industries as men exploit the coal and steel, the wheat and oil, of America, we have not shrunk, any more than New Zealand has, from an extended governmentalism. How far that extension of State functions may rightly go, to what extent it can co-exist with a sane individualism, we shall have to ask. We only mention these things to make this point at the very outset of the inquiry: that it is a plain lie to say that labour has been driven into its attitude of conflict by the harshness, the hostility, the crass class conservatism, of all the rest of us. If that were true, however much it would suffer from its follies, and make us all suffer with it, labour would deserve to win. But nothing like it is true. For the actual causes that determine this special, and specially vicious activity, we shall have to look away from general principles and nearer home. We shall find the explanation of this weak strength of labour in causes that there is some chance of removing by fair argument just as we shall find in our own sane and progressive environment a sounder hope of ultimate achievement than older countries dare to boast.

In the articles to which these words form an introduction we shall try to examine faithfully and temperately the circumstances in which our Labour Parties had their origin and have grown up. We shall try to find out the facts as to their numerical increase in membership, in support; and we shall estimate as well and fairly as we can what percentage of the citizenship of the State and Commonwealth they actually for the time being represent. We shall discuss, without animus, but without hesitation, the effect that the presence of these Labour groups in our Legislatures has had on the efficiency of party government, and, we may add, on the political morality of Ministries. We shal turn to what is wrongly labelled Labour legislation, and endeavour to discover how far it has accomplished its professed objects, how far it has been a mere stalking horse for political ambition, and how far it has neutralised imaginary benefits to the few by hampering the industry and paralysing the initiative of the many. We shall discuss the effect of the social unrest on credit, national and private, on investment, public and individual. We shall try to see to what it is that the success of Labour organisations in politics is due. Those of us who have sympathy with every fair and right aspiration of Labour will ask what security for wisdom and strength we have in the personnel of Labour, what security that power is drifting to the wisest and not to the most agile tongues? How far does Labour as a political party really represent what Labour as a working segment of the community really wants? What are the ultimate aims of that party? And, if these include some sort of inchoate socialism, how precisely has science shattered that utopia of the uninformed.

TOWARD SOLUTION.

Whatever solution we may reach, one thing is very clear. We shall never win to it by playing on class prejudice or exploiting class interests. We might, it is true, for the moment, crush labour in that way. Vested interests are stubborn things. It would be easy enough to inflame them into conflict. But such a victory in our view would be worse than defeat. Surely there is a better way? We may do something to bring home to democracy the futility of despotism by decimal

fractions of it. Let us strive toward a democratic faith purged of grossness and cleansed from superstition. We must not expect to reach any simple formulae, a prescription we can take to the chemist and get our pains put right. Society is a complex thing, and its ills will not be righted by a patent medicine. And more, we have put our hand to the plough. We have given, so absolutely as never before, the power to the people. If any of us are wise enough and far seeing enough in the name of common safety let them make us worthy of this great gift. We are ready enough to rail at Labour, and not so often by reason of self-interest as Labour may suppose. But where are those, who, knowing what sound Government ought to be, will help to make it sound? Is this practical politics? We take it that our own last elections, the overwhelming voice demanding reform, showed plainly that it is. Whatever disappointment awaited that movement it came from the heart. It will repeat itself, we may be sure, until it accomplishes its purpose. We do not advocate a solidarity of all others against a solidarity of Labour. No worse disaster could befall. What we do ask is that all who see what the mistaken views of Labour mean to us, should throw aside their apathy and indifference, and bring a new spirit into public life. Let us make room for the best men. Let us learn that it is folly to suspect talent and hate genius, that, if it is bad to become the victim of the strong man, it is a thousand times worse to become the victim of the opportunist: that the successful leader is not the man who succeeds in being led. Let us show those who would unthinkingly ally themselves with labour parties that these mark a reductio ad absurdum of politics; that they must throw away the foolish axiom that only the labourer can represent labour. The instruments of the world's regeneration are not the pick and shovel. The tallow candle in a shearer's hut is a poor light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of the Australian people. We have, if we can find them, men of broad and enlightened views, detached interests, trained intellect, mature judgment. Someone has said that the world knows nothing of its greatest men. It is the worst reproach of Australian Democracy that it would like to know less than nothing. There is a hope for the ultimate output of Democracy; but while the best men hold aloof or are despised it is a desperate hope. Our labour troubles are the first things we ought to set ourselves to cure, but we shall never cure them if we think we can cut them out, as with a knife, like a cancer in the body politic. However threatening the present may be, we cannot escape out of it into the stagnant past; nor will partisan invective help us. We must see our sins, and see them whole; then to slow salvation there is only one road open to Democracy. It will learn that the essence of life is competition, that struggle for existence is essential to progress. It cannot and it never will put an end to that struggle, unless in a final act of suicide. But it will withdraw from it false aims, false grounds of endeavour. It will bring reason into the last stronghold of unreason, and set itself consciously, deliberately, to raise the type of the units which compose it. It will know that when Democracy has learnt to produce individuals who are worth while all the rest will be added unto it. We are ready now to go a long way in that direction. Let us set ourselves to take the wider view; to bring into political life whatever we yet have of self-knowledge, self-development, and self-control. It will not be long then before our blinding conflicts cease, our class hatreds weaken, our inarticulate strivings in the dark fall from us like a worn and blood-stained robe:—

> It matters not how strait the Gate,
> How charged with Punishment the Scroll,
> I am the Master of my Fate,
> I am the Captain of my Soul.

LATE BUSH FIRES.

THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

Contributions to the fund to date are as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously acknowledged	5306	7	5
Proceeds concert at Manly, per Manly committee	21	3	0
St. John's Church, Bega, per Rev. Canon Martin	5	10	0
Employees, Fortescues' I.X.L. Works, Arncliffe	1	5	0
Piguenit, W.C.	1	1	0
Miss Hilda Clough, A.L.C.M.	0	10	0
Total	£5329	14	5

AFTER THE BUSH FIRES.

Mr. R. T. Ball, M.L.A., who has taken an active part in rendering assistance to those who have been burnt out by the late bush fires, and who has been through the country swept in the Corowa electorate, states that the losses have been enormous. The Railway Commissioners have agreed to carry fencing material at half rates, but Mr. Ball states that even at this reduction the rate is prohibitive so far as his district is concerned. For instance, good posts must be brought from the Cootamundra to Temora line, and at half rates it works out about 30s per 100, which makes them too expensive. The Railway Commissioners have been requested to charge fencing posts at the rates for fodder for starving stock, but the Commissioners cannot see their way to comply with the request. This is regarded a concession which, in the interests of the country, as well as the unfortunate people directly interested, might have been granted, for there are hundreds of miles of fencing destroyed, and until it is replaced little can be done to provide for next season's crop, and consequently a large area will be left uncultivated, and the railways will lose traffic.

With reference to relief from the Lord Mayor's Fund, Mr. Ball points out that there are some cases where a gift would be very acceptable. Yet there are a large number of burnt-out farmers who prefer some financial assistance in the shape of a loan, and many have applied for a loan from the Advances to Settlers' Board rather than apply for relief in the shape of charity. Unfortunately the Advances to Settlers' Board cannot help them unless they have security to offer. A number of these are halves men, or are renting land, and what security they had has been destroyed by fire, but they are nevertheless a hardworking, industrious class, who have proved themselves trustworthy, and are anxious to get going again.

Mr. Ball suggests that a permanent fund should be established, and be placed under the control of the Advances to Settlers' Board, to be called a calamity relief fund. Relief could be afforded by advancing a loan on the personal security of approved applicants, to be repaid, without interest, within a prescribed time. He estimates that fully three-fourths of the money so advanced would find its way back to this fund, and could be used again to assist any other calamity. It could be subscribed to by the public, and subsidised by the Government as necessity arose. The Advances to Settlers' Board could deal with applications right away, and being a permanent board, under Government supervision, it would be able to continue to manage this fund in the future.

Mr. Ball says he is convinced that the majority of the victims of the late bush fires in his electorate would prefer assistance with the view of paying it back than a gift.

GOULBURN, Sunday.

The committee appointed to distribute the bush fire relief fund met on Friday. Applications from Windellama, Towrang, Parkesbourne, and Yerranderrie mines were considered, and £300 allotted in sums ranging from £2 to £30. Most of the applications had been reported on by local committees.

MURRUMBURRAH, Sunday.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. have donated £10 towards relief of sufferers from the recent bush fires in this district.

WAGGA, Sunday.

The local bush fire fund amounts to £515, of which the sum of £333 has been applied to the relief of 44 cases.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

TWO MEN ARRESTED.

Shortly before midnight on Saturday a horse dealer named Edwin John Gardiner was assaulted and robbed by two men near the Epping racecourse, Forest Lodge. He had been drinking with the men in a hotel in George-street West, earlier in the evening. He resides in Balmain, and left the hotel with the intention of walking home. Gardiner was accompanied by the men, who set upon him, a heavy blow on the face almost rendering him unconscious. A rolled gold watch and gold chain, and £5 5s in money, were then taken from his pocket. After recovering from the effects of the assault he reported the matter to the police. During yesterday two men were arrested in connection with the affair.

LATE NEWCASTLE STRIKE

WAS IT A LOCKOUT?

REMARKS BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Now that the strike of wheelers at Newcastle has ended, there is a disposition on the part of members of the Legislative Assembly to express their opinions upon the merits of the dispute. It is unquestionably a fact, that several of the more prominent members of the Legislative Assembly hold the view that the late trouble at Newcastle was nothing more nor less than a lockout of the wheelers. Naturally enough Ministers are exceedingly pleased that the trouble has ended. It was an anxious time for them, because a prolonged strike not only meant that the time would come when the Government might be called upon to do something to relieve the sufferings of the wives and families of men thrown out of work, but it must adversely affect the State revenues. To the Attorney-General, Mr. C. G. Wade, in particular, the termination of the strike was learned with a sigh of relief, for upon him rested the responsibility of conducting the defence of an Act of Parliament whilst on its trial. "No one," observed the Attorney-General, "is more pleased than I am at the termination of the trouble. To me it proved a most anxious time, because the administration of the Arbitration Act demanded most serious consideration, in order that no step should be taken that would cause friction, whilst seeking to terminate the trouble in a fair and reasonable manner. One cannot but regret the suffering and loss caused by the strike, and we have to be thankful that it has ended so soon.

"My task during the past fortnight has been more difficult than most people appear to imagine. Many people appear to have been under the impression that as there were several thousands of men idle, there was an unanswerable case against them as participants in the strike. That is not a correct view of the matter. Even in the case of the wheelers, the active and prominent factors in the trouble, the evidence necessary to produce against them has not been available, whilst the miners contended that they were forced into idleness by the action of the wheelers.

"There is no doubt," continued Mr. Wade, "that the Arbitration Act has been subjected to a severe trial. Recent events realise to a large extent what was predicted when the Arbitration Bill was being discussed by Parliament. Mr. Wise frequently expressed the conviction that when the bill became law a strike would be unknown, because it would be impossible. Others, however, contended that the law would break down, especially when a numerous body of workmen, in asserting a common grievance, decided not to observe the orders of the Arbitration Court. You cannot force men to give employment on conditions to which they are opposed, neither can you compel men to accept employment on unacceptable terms. It is true, you may enforce the provisions of a law by levying on the assets of the person or persons who object to an order of the Court, but if that person or persons possess no assets, then the authorities are compelled to fall back on the penal provisions of the statute. Hence the time must arrive, sooner or later—if there is organised resistance—when the gaols would prove to be too small. Then the administration of the law would be a laughing-stock. It follows that when there is a failure to enforce the penal provisions of the law, then the Act embodying those provisions is merely waste paper."

MINERS AND WHEELERS INDICTED TO APPEAR.

A COMPLICATION AT HETTON COLLIERY.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

As already intimated, the Attorney-General has taken steps to indict a number of miners and wheelers alleged to have been concerned in the late strike to appear before the Quarter Sessions on February 6. The police served a number of these summonses yesterday. The informations are identical with those on which the committals were obtained last week, namely, that the defendants did something in the nature of a strike before a reasonable time had elapsed for a reference to the Arbitration Court. It is reported that about 200 of these indictments may be served.

It will be remembered that in the early part of the strike the Hetton colliery made an unconditional surrender, yielding to the demands of the wheelers and general hands that there should not be a reduction in their wages. Subsequently however, the management gave 14 days' notice that a reduction would be enforced. This notice expired yesterday, the colliery having worked all through the strike. Yesterday, however, the Hetton wheelers on coming out of the pit held a meeting, and decided to request the manager to give them 6s 4d a day all round in lieu of rates at present paid, ranging from 7s to 3s 6d per day. The water bailers also requested 6s instead of 5s, as paid at present. The manager, on being approached, declined to grant the request, and the wheelers and water bailers then decided to give 14 days' notice on Tuesday next.

A.N.A. CYCLING MEETING.

AUSTRALIAN CUP WON BY MORGAN.

M'DONALD WINS A.N.A. GOLD STAKES.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Australian Natives' Association's cycling meeting was commenced at the Exhibition Oval on Saturday afternoon, and continued at night. The attendance was excellent, and there was some fine racing, but falls were unusually numerous, owing to tyres blowing out. The heat in the afternoon was very oppressive, up to 105 in the shade being registered, and Rutt subsequently pointed out that the light racing tyres used by Australian and American riders were positively dangerous in such hot weather. Now and again the tyre of a machine in the competitors' reserve, perhaps waiting to be used for the next race, would explode. It was noticeable that Rutt and Ellegaard used much larger tyres, and went through the day and night without mishap. M'Farland competed in three events, and fell twice. Morgan's tyre blew out, and brought Lawson and himself down heavily. Morgan fortunately escaped injury, but Lawson was bruised on the face, arms, shoulders, and body. One of his fingers also appeared to be broken. D. J. Walker was also a victim to the tyre trouble, and in common with M'Farland and Lawson received injuries which will probably prevent them competing for some time. W. M'Donald, of Western Australia, was in great form in the last race of the evening, the final of the one-mile event of the A.N.A. Gold Stakes. He fought out a splendid finish with Morgan, and beat Ellegaard by several lengths. M'Donald also won his heat in the half-mile event, and repeated his performance in the two-laps dash. Rutt also shewed splendid form. He beat Clark by half a length in the first heat of the Australian Cup, but was beaten by Lawson in the sixth heat of the two-laps dash. The American led the way in the last lap, and though Rutt put forth all his energy, Lawson passed the line a full length ahead.

In the evening Rutt started in the second event, the semi-final of the Australian Cup, and though lying last at the Aquarium turn, he came past the field like a flash, and won easily. Rutt's magnificent sprint gave the spectators an idea of his quality, and led them to look eagerly forward to his next event. This was the second heat of the A.N.A. Gold Stakes, a half-mile event, in which he was opposed by M'Farland, Walker, and Filsell. An unfortunate accident, however, marred all the interest in the race. Filsell had established a splendid lead in the last lap, but the others were lessening the gap at every turn of the pedal. M'Farland's tyre blew out and in trying to keep from falling he collided with Walker, and the pair fell heavily. Both riders, especially Walker, were severely lacerated, but, fortunately, no bones were broken. Rutt won the fourth heat of the International Championship, but could not catch the field in the final in the Australian Cup. M'Farland received fresh encouragement when he entered the ring to compete against Lawson in the first heat of the A.N.A. Gold Stakes, the mile event. Bad luck, however, followed him, for his tyre again blew out in the last lap, and he fell. Though unhurt, he declined to compete in his heat in the Australian Cup, and it was only after great hesitation that he came out to meet Ellegaard in the lightning two-laps dash. This was the race of the day. The two champions came round into the straight side by side, and though M'Farland bent down on his machine and pedalled hard he had to be content with second place, inches separating the men. Ellegaard did remarkably well in the afternoon, but was beaten by both Lawson and McDonald in the evening. He won the second heat of the Australian Cup with ease, and beat Pye and Rutt in the second heat of the one mile event of the A.N.A. Gold Stakes. He also beat McFarland in the fifth heat of the two laps dash. In the first semi-final of the Australian Cup he and Lawson unsuccessfully chased the front markers. The Danish champion also disposed of Filsell in the second heat of the international championship. Details:—

Australian Cup, one mile handicap.—Final heat: R. W. Morgan, 65yds, 1; N. Furtiere, 65yds, 2; T. Lealow, 70yds, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1m 58 1-5s.

A.N.A. Gold Stakes, scratch event, 1m.—Final heat: W. M'Donald (W.A.), 1; G. R. Morgan, 2; Ellegaard, 3. Won by inches. Time, 2m 36⅗s.

Mile Event.—First heat: Lawson. Second heat: Filsell. Third heat: M'Donald. Fourth heat: Farley. Final to be run on Monday.

Two Lap Dash.—Heat winners: Clark, Farley, M'Donald, Walne, Ellegaard, Lawson. The final to be run on Monday.

One Mile Championship.—Heat winners: Pye, Ellegaard, Walne, Rutt, Farley. Final to be run on Monday.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

APPEAL AGAINST TAXATION ASSESSMENT.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

At the Adelaide local court on Friday hearing was begun of an appeal on behalf of the Moonta and Wallaroo Mines Company against the assessment made by the Commissioner of Taxes. The assessment is for £47,182, and the appellant company claims that the amount of taxation should be reduced to £8000, which is paid in dividends, the balance being ordinary capital and loss account, not capitalised in any way or placed in any reserve fund.

The hearing was adjourned till February 6.

The Retail Grocers and Storekeepers' Association has decided not to avail itself of the promised rebate of one halfpenny per gallon offered by the Colonial Oil Company conditionally on no other kerosene being dealt in.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Sunday.

At a meeting of shareholders of the Van Diemen's Land Bank on Friday, the report showed the nominal indebtedness to be £3153. The tenth refund of 1s per share was sanctioned, making 10s to date. It is expected that the unrealised assets will yield further refunds gradually.

Musical and elocutionary competitions that have been held at the Town Hall during a period extending over a week were concluded by a concert on Friday night, Bishop Mercer presenting the prizes. The competitions have brought to the front an unexpected array of Tasmanian talent.

NEW ZEALAND.

APPOINTMENT OF LAND COMMISSION.

WELLINGTON, Sunday.

The appointment of the Land Commission has been made public. The commissioners include an ex-Solicitor-General, an ex-Surveyor-General, settlers, and others, with knowledge of the conditions of the land settlement of the colony. The scope of the inquiry includes the constitution of land boards, whether an alteration of land tenures is desirable, whether Crown tenants labour under restrictions inimical to their well being, the working of the ballot system, the question of roading lands, condition of Crown lessees generally, and the aggregation of estates. The commission will take evidence all over the colony.

As a result of the inquiry into the loss of the Nambucca, the captain's certificate has been suspended for three months.

GERMANY'S EXCLUSIVE POLICY.

THE BANISHMENT OF A CHIEF.

WHY HE WAS DEPORTED.

CAREER OF TUTAKE.

The statement published in the "Herald" a few days ago to the effect that the German authorities in the Marshall Islands have deported one of the chiefs named Tutake, for the sole reason that he attempted to assist in the establishment of trade relations between the Marshall Islands and Australia, has formed a topic of conversation in shipping and other circles, and the opinion is very strongly expressed that representations on the matter should be made to the Imperial Government. The German authorities admit that the chief has been deported, but, as was anticipated, they deny that action was taken against him because of his British sympathies. The assertion has also been made that the native in question is a British subject.

From inquiries which have been made it has been ascertained that Tutake was born at Ocean Island, which is British territory. He went to the Marshalls and lived with Chief Nelu, and was accepted by him as a son. Afterwards he lived for many years at Butaritari, in the British Gilbert Islands, where he was a prominent man, and acted as secretary to the native king. The Chief Nelu was also a resident at Butaritari during that time. The actual blood relationship, it is understood, was that of a cousin, but the natives have customs concerning relationships which are quite unintelligible to the ordinary white man. Adoption is looked upon as equal to blood relationship, and is known under the local name of "jibooning," by which the adopted one is entitled to succeed to his adopted father's estates and title as fully as if he were his own begotten son. Upon Nelu's death Tutake succeeded to the old chief's property under this law. The chief Nelu returned to Jaluit, and died about three years ago, and Tutake, who then became the chief Tutake, went to the Marshalls and succeeded to his property, being accepted by everyone as the rightful chief.

It was not until after Tutake's action in assisting the Ysabel that it was suddenly asserted that his claim to the chieftainship and the property was not legal, and that the rival claimants appeared who were supported by the German authorities. It was explained to Tutake by one of the officials acting in the absence of the Landshauptmann that in order to get a divorce from a Gilbert Island wife and to espouse a local woman, according to native custom, he would have to proceed to Butaritari and settle this matter up with the British Commissioner.

Tutake was given a passage to Butaritari, but when he arrived there the British Commissioner was advised that the German authorities considered him a British subject, and would not permit him to return. The British Commissioner when spoken to in Sydney certainly conveyed the impression that he looked upon the native as a Marshall Islander, but was unable to speak with authority, in the absence of the official correspondence, which was at Tarawa.

It is understood by all those cognisant with the position in the islands that Tutake claims to own both vessels and land, and to be the victim of persecution on the part of the Marshall Island authorities for the important part he took in facilitating the Ysabel's trading operations. Had he not done as he did in this matter it would seem that his rights to the Marshall Island properties would never have been questioned.

It is pointed out that if Tutake is a German subject he is being punished for showing sympathy with British traders, and the German authorities, by deporting him to British territory, are acting illegally. On the other hand, if he is a British subject, then Great Britain should ask that he be accorded those rights recognised by the Treaty of 1886.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

The coal shipped beyond the State during the week ended yesterday amounted to 29,759 tons, exclusive of that taken for ships' use. Interstate and New Zealand shipments amounted to 22,235 tons, and foreign shipments to 7524 tons, the details being as follows:—Victoria, 9340; South Australia, 4630; Tasmania, 1150; New Zealand, 7115; Chili, 2946; Mexico, 2404; and India, 2174 tons.

The steamer Manuka cleared at the Customs yesterday for Auckland, via Sydney, with 1200 tons of coal, 75 pieces timber, 100 fel-loes, 24 poles, 184 shafts, and sundries; the steamer Nardoo, for Port Pirie, via Sydney, with 2950 tons of coal; the steamer Barwon, for Geelong, with 4580 tons of coal; the steamer Chingtu, for Hongkong, via Sydney, with 50 tons copper and 650 tons of coal; and the four-masted barque Armadale, for Valparaiso, with 2946 tons of Hebburn coal.

A number of Newcastle bowlers will leave for Sydney in the morning to play a six-rink match at Mosman.

R.M.S. AORANGI AT BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

The R.M.S. Aorangi arrived at Pinkenba yesterday after an uneventful voyage from Vancouver. She brings the following passengers:—

For Sydney: Miss E. M. Waters, Miss R. Creal, Messrs. R. J. Day, R. D. Read, Charles Randall, H. L. Smith, Whitfield, G. Seymour, L. T. Thompson, J. G. Hadham, H. Newman, Miss Jones, Mrs. Chaffey and 4 children, Mrs. Bonamy and infant, Messrs. J. Macalister, H. Mitchelmore, H. Geddes, T. D. Stuart, W. C. Griffith, Mrs. Graburn, Miss Petrie, Mrs. Carr, Master Goodfellow, Messrs. J. Malcolm, W. H. Lee, Kirby, F. Conradson, W. E. Blake, J. Gordon, W. Beverstock, F. Tarrant, J. A. Grace, J. Milne, R. Adams.

The Aorangi brings the following cargo for Sydney and New Zealand:—364 tons fish and canned goods, 7 tons frozen fish, 36 tons cotton goods, 68 tons machinery, 108 tons general cargo, 47 tons timber, 12 tons paper, 44 tons boots and shoes, 6¼ tons soap.

THE SUBURBS.

MOSMAN.

The above council, at its last meeting, resolved that, in view of the fact that a number of cable cars had been put out of use by the conversion of the William-street cable trams into electric traction, the Railway Commissioners be approached by a deputation from the council urging upon them the desirability of laying down two light lines of rails from the Mosman post-office, one to traverse Military-road and the other Bradley's Head-road. It was pointed out that the route was admirably adapted for horse trams. The matter of utilising some of the cars at The Spit for shelter purposes, and also the necessity existing there for sanitary conveniences, was also discussed.

WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.

ELLIOTT BROTHERS' "KOLA-CUP."
AN UNEQUALLED "PICK-ME-UP."
THE KING OF TONICS.
THE AFTER-TASTE IS A DELIGHT.—Advt.

CASUALTIES.

A STREET ACCIDENT.

Charles Nurse, 44, was engaged in fixing a telegraph wire at Marion-street, Leichhardt, on Saturday morning, when a tram struck the wire and knocked him down. Nurse, who sustained injuries to the back, was removed to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital by the Civil Ambulance Brigade.

ACCIDENT AT COOGEE.

A peculiar accident occurred at Coogee yesterday morning. George Twynam, a fruiterer's assistant, residing at King-street, Newtown, was running along the beach with a young man, when he slipped, and his neck struck his companion's knee. Twynam was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital, where it was found that his spine had been injured. He was admitted for treatment.

FALL OF THIRTY FEET.

A BOY'S SKULL FRACTURED.

Barri O'Neill, aged 6 years, met with a serious accident at Milson's Point on Saturday. The little boy was playing with a companion near the edge of the railway cutting. By some means he overbalanced and fell on to some railway sleepers and iron, a distance of 30ft. When picked up he was found to be seriously injured, his head having struck against the iron. The child was removed to the Royal North Shore Hospital, and admitted for treatment, suffering from the effects of a fractured skull. He is in a critical condition. The boy is the only son of Mr. W. J. O'Neill. His parents only took up their residence at North Sydney last week.

DEATH ON A TUG.

During the run of the tug John Gollan from Manning River to Sydney, James Muir, 23, a fireman, became suddenly ill. On reaching Jubilee Dock Dr. Wilson was sent for, but the man died within a few minutes. Death is believed to be due to natural causes. He resided at Bellinger River.

ACCIDENTS IN COAL MINES.

WEST MAITLAND, Sunday.

John Swinton, a miner, while working in a bond of tops in the Stanford Merthyr colliery on Thursday morning, was seriously injured by a fall of stone, which struck him on the neck and rendered him unconscious for several hours. He is suffering from shock to the spine and abrasions.

Later in the day Walter Taylor, while working in a bond of tops, had three of his ribs fractured, and received painful cuts about the body.

At the Pelaw Main colliery, on the same day, Louis Burns, a filler, was thrown under a train of coal skips which jammed him for some time. When he was released it was found that he had sustained a compound fracture of the left leg, besides bruises.

On Friday, at East Greta colliery, John Tiereman, a miner, was engaged in putting in props to support the roof, which gave way, and buried him to the waist. He was rescued by other miners, and was removed to his home. His shoulder was dislocated, and he was badly cut about the face and head.

RUN OVER BY A TRAIN.

MURRURUNDI, Sunday.

Mr. G. Brooks, the night officer at the Ardglen railway station, was run over by a goods train last night. He received serious injuries. One arm and foot were terribly crushed. He was at once taken to the Murrurundi Hospital, and his arm amputated. It is thought that his foot will have to be amputated to-day. He also received severe scalp wounds.

CASES OF SNAKEBITE.

TUMBERUMBA, Saturday.

Mr. Sullivan, at Downfalls, Rosewood, near Tumberumba, was bitten by a brown snake on the ankle on Thursday night. He killed the reptile, then cut the bitten part, and tied a ligature below the knee with a string he had in his possession and some copper wire. Upon being examined by Dr. Parsons, he was pronounced out of danger through his own prompt measures.

NUNDLE, Saturday.

Cook, a dingo trapper, was bitten this evening by a tiger snake. He killed the snake. Cook was conveyed seven miles to Tamworth for medical treatment.

SALVATION ARMY LIEUTENANT KILLED.

GUNDAGAI, Friday.

Lieutenant Jones, of the Salvation Army, was cycling across Prince Alfred Bridge last night when he collided with another cyclist, Mr. Hilton Stephenson. Lieutenant Jones was thrown heavily, and rendered unconscious, his collarbone being broken and his jaw injured. He has since died. One of the bicycles was smashed to pieces. Mr. Stephenson escaped.

FALL FROM A HORSE.

MORUYA, Sunday.

Robin M'Gregor, a market gardener, when trying a horse met with a severe accident at a street corner. He struck his head on a post and received severe cuts. He was removed to the hospital.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

GOULBURN, Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Todkill, an old-age pensioner, residing at the New Country flats, about 15 miles from Goulburn, was burned to death yesterday afternoon, during the temporary absence of her husband. On her grandson entering the house, the deceased was found lying in the fireplace dead, the upper portion of her body having been frightfully burned. Deceased is believed to have been 84 years of age.

At the magisterial inquiry into the circumstances, a finding was entered that death had been caused by burns accidentally received.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

Percy G. Hopgood, a tobacconist, at Toowoomba, committed suicide on Friday afternoon, by shooting himself through the heart.

INVERELL, Friday.

The 15 months old daughter of Mr. John Foley, of this town, fell into a tub of scalding water on Wednesday, and she died this morning.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS

BURROWA, Sunday.

At the annual meeting of the Burrowa District Hospital held on Friday the report showed an expenditure of £305 15s 6d, and a credit balance of £532 13s 9d. Rev. Goudie, Messrs. Robinson, Morgan, Ryan, M'Fee, Stuart, Tomkinson, Watson, Macansh, Davison, Stevenson, and Hancock were elected the committee, Messrs. O'Neil and Hancock auditors, and Messrs. Ryan, Morgan, and Stuart trustees.

COONAMBLE, Friday.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Coonamble Hospital was held at the council-chambers last evening, Mr. J. D. Y. Button (vice-president) in the chair. The year started with a debit balance of over £200, closing with a credit of £100, and the Government subsidy amounting to £325 still due. The following officers were elected:—Trustees, Messrs. J. R. M'William, D. Fletcher, George Eason, J. D. Y. Button, S. R. Skuthorpe; president, Mr. J. R. M'William; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. D. Y. Button, D. Fletcher; committee, Messrs. George Eason, E. Perram, R. G. Francis, S. Woodgate, James Townsend, W. H. Young, R. Mooy, W. A. Osborne, K. Beaton; auditors, Messrs. H. R. Buttsworth and W. E. M'Cullough.

INVERELL, Friday.

The annual meeting of the Inverell Hospital was held yesterday. The report disclosed that 206 patients were treated during the year, the number of deaths being 19. Financially, the institution is in a good position, having a credit balance of £510 10s 5d, as against £344 last year. There is also an amount of £107 15s 9d to the credit of the M'Intyre Memorial Fund.

MACLEAN, Saturday.

At the annual meeting of subscribers to the Maclean Hospital, the report, which was adopted, showed that the receipts amounted to £599 and the expenditure to £593 12s 6d. Almost the whole of the receipts were by direct giving. The committee proposed to erect a nurses' home, also increased accommodation for patients, at a cost of £800.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The first annual meeting of the Kurri Kurri District Hospital was held last evening. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The balance-sheet showed receipts £167 0s 5d, expenditure £164 16s 2d, leaving a credit balance of £2 4s 3d. During the year 27 patients were treated, and no death was recorded. The election of committee resulted as follows:—The Rev. F. M'Auliffe, Messrs. L. Johns, H. Jenkins, W. Gillon, J. A. Poole, T. Smith, W. Thompson, M. Mark, J. H. Jones, A. Pryor, W. H. Conway, T. D. Johns, J. Phillips, J. Hubbick, and A. Roderick.

Sunday.

The following office-bearers have been elected for the current year by the committee of the Kurri Kurri Hospital:—President, Mr. Albert Pryor; vice-president, Mr. W. Gillon; treasurer, Mr. W. Thompson; secretary, Mr. M. Mark; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Conway, T. Smith, and A. Roderick.

AN ISLAND WRECK.

LOSS OF THE HAUDAUDINE.

ARRIVAL OF THE CASTAWAYS.

Captain Sevin, the master of the fine French ship Haudaudine, which was recently totally lost off the coast of New Caledonia, together with Mr. Defoux, the chief officer, Mr. Vessieres, second officer, and 22 members of the crew, arrived at Sydney yesterday afternoon from Noumea by the Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Pacifique. They are on their way home to France, and will leave to-day by the French mail steamer Ville de la Ciotat. The Haudaudine arrived at New Caledonia from Yokohama, having made the voyage in ballast, and loaded 3042 tons of nickel ore from the Katavite mines at Kone, for Rotterdam.

According to the narratives of the castaways, who were seen on their arrival at Sydney, the Haudaudine met her doom within a few hours after leaving port. The vessel was towed from Kone clear of the reefs by the steamer St. Pierre on January 3, and then set sail for her homeward voyage. There was a fresh breeze when the tug left her, but towards sunset the wind died away completely. The Haudaudine was thus becalmed off a very treacherous coast, and she was carried by a strong current in the direction of the outer reefs between Cape Goulvain and Contrarietes, or Porondu Island.

Considerable alarm was manifested by those on board when it became apparent that the current was carrying the fine ship to certain destruction, but the officers and crew were powerless to alter her course. Soundings were taken at intervals of every few minutes, and an unfathomable depth was found just before the vessel struck. The master, however, was aware of the treacherous character of the coast, and knew that soundings gave very little indication of the nature of the bottom.

Suddenly the Haudaudine touched a reef bows on, and swerved round, her stern bumping heavily several times on the submerged obstruction. Water commenced to find its way into the vessel and within the space of three hours the ship had settled down by the stern. Captain Sevin then gave orders for the boats to be provisioned and launched. Three life boats were quickly swung out from the davits, and the officers and crew, as well as three passengers (Mr. and Mrs. Chalet and child) abandoned the vessel and directed a course for the shore.

The castaways shortly afterwards noticed that the Haudaudine had a pronounced list to port, and eventually the vessel completely heeled over on the reef, even her starboard side being submerged. The boats' crews safely reached Port Moueo and Bourail on the following morning.

A subsequent visit to the scene of the mishap disclosed the fact that the vessel was a total loss. It was ascertained that she was lying on her port side on the reef, with 7ft of water over her starboard side. Nothing was saved from the wreck, the officers, men, and passengers losing all their personal effects. The weather was fine, and the sea smooth at the time of the disaster, but it is anticipated that when heavy weather makes its appearance the vessel will quickly break up. It is understood that the ship was insured in France, but for what amount has not transpired.

Cape Goulvain, in lat. 21.33 S., is a prominent headland, so named by D'Entrecasteaux, but of which little is known. The reef here is closer to the mainland. Contrarietes or Porondu Island is a sandbank covered with bushes, and is about 11 miles beyond Cape Goulvain. The reef, which reaches only from 1½ to 2½ miles off the latter place, here runs further off the land. The Moueo passage is 7½ miles beyond Contrarietes Island.

The Haudaudine was a new and large French barque, built of steel in 1902 at St. Nazaire. She was a vessel of 2393 tons gross, and of 1734 tons net, her principal dimensions being:—Length, 281ft 1in; breadth, 40ft 7in; and depth, 22ft 7in. She was owned by the Societe Anonyme des Armateurs, Nantais, to which company two vessels at present in port at Sydney belong, namely, the Cassard, barque, which arrived here on the 21st inst from San Francisco, and the Empereur Menelik, barque, which arrived here on the 23rd inst from Hongkong.

SIR JOSEPH BANKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In answer to Sir Francis Suttor re the Banks Journal, Mr. Muir is certainly correct in stating that the original journal is in Sydney, and as there seems to be a desire for further knowledge the following may be interesting:—

In the preface to Hooker's edition of the journal, Mr. W. Carruthers, keeper of the botanical collections at the British Museum, writes:—"I obtained from the box, by leave of Mr. Bond, then keeper of the MSS. in the beginning of 1876, the transcripts made for Mr. Dawson Turner by his two daughters, which have remained under my care in the Botanical Department." Further on in the letter he deplores the apparent loss of the first part of the journal.

Now, the journal of the whole voyage is in two calf-bound volumes, Vol. 1 beginning at Plymouth and ending in the Southern Ocean at Oheteroa, with a description of the manners and customs of the South Sea Islanders, Vol. 2 continuing with the voyage across to New Zealand, on to New Holland, and back to England, via Torres Straits, Batavia, the Cape, etc, up to the arrival off the Lizard, where "land was sighted by young Nick, the same boy who first saw New Zealand."

The description of the sale catalogue quoted by Mr. Carruthers is answerable for the supposed loss of the earlier portion of the journal, the dates given being 1769-1771, but this may only be a printer's error, or error in quoting. The dates should be 1768-1771, as the first volume begins in 1768 and goes on without any break into the following year, the proceedings of 1768 only occupying the first fourt hof the pages of the well-bound volume, the second volume taking up the thread of the tale on to the safe return in England 1771. The whole of these two volumes were without any doubt faithfully copied by the Misses Turner, and it was this copy (now in the British Museum) that Hooker used, as he says in his preface: "It will be seen from the above that the present work owes its existence to the copy made by the Misses Turner, and of which I was permitted by the trustees of the British Museum to have a transcript made for publication. In doing this I have largely exercised my duties as editor in respect to curtailment."

I have occupied many hours comparing Hooker's edition with the original, so as to find out the "curtailments" made by him, as well as alterations in expressions, etc, which all seem to me to be rather a pity. This opinion was shared by the late Professor E. E. Morris, who spent some weeks with me when preparing the material for his work on the "Lives of Cook and Banks." What encouragement is offered by the State to induce private owners of valuable and interesting manuscripts to hand them over? Take, for instance, the Mitchell library—a gift the great value of which is probably not known to any one beyond the owner and possibly one or two others. How has that noble gift been received by the State? Has a single effort been made to house and make it available? What must the donor's feelings be, and what inducement is there for owners of such valuable books as Banks' MSS. Journal to hand them over to the State when one recollects the treatment accorded to Mr. David Mitchell?

I am, etc.,
A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
Jan 27.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is very gratifying to note by the recent reports of the growing progress in our woollen and clothing factories, which is a sure sign that the public taste is now acquired for home-made productions. As wool is our staple industry, this branch should extend rapidly, and should in some degree be the means of decreasing the ranks of the unemployed. It behoves all Australians to be more thoughtful and honest to themselves in purchasing their requirements as much as possible from what is made in their own country; and next to see that the same is done in regard to British manufactures and products in every available line for their own use. We have heard a deal of late of preferential trade, which has not been satisfactorily solved, nor even likely to please all persons interested. If the above be strictly adhered to the tie of kinship will be more loyally felt by the colonies, and the Empire (of which we form an important part) will continually be strengthened, and make matters more reassuring than all the Acts that can be invented by man, as this is the only way of doing business satisfactorily. Any other form will cause estrangement from other Continental Powers, when objectionable restrictive barriers, as contemplated, are brought into operation. When we compare our present position with the state of affairs as they are at present in other parts of the world, it should remind us of the value of living under such a free constitution as we do, and should stimulate us to do all in our power to further the interests of the old land in times of peace, when we will be able with confidence to look for genuine assistance should any unforeseen disaster befal us at any future period.

I am, etc.,
JOHN WITHERS.
Jan. 26.

At a special meeting of the St. George Cottage Hospital committee, the Revs. Keith Miller and T. Hill, Mrs. N. P. Nielson, and Mr. E. W. R. M'Millan were elected as house committee; Messrs. N. P. Nielson and A. Louden were reappointed secretary and treasurer respectively.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 28.

Ormuz, R.M.S., 6465 tons, Captain Coad, from London, via ports. Passengers—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Marriot, Rev. Boylan, Rev. M. Bonayne, Rev. Hunter, Rev. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hoskins, Misses Hoskins (4), Mrs. Margelouth, Misses Margelouth (3), Mrs. Smith, Misses Smith (2), Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrow, Master Barrow, Mrs. J. D. Fletcher, Mrs. and Miss Stoneham, Lane, Misses Carlan, Fitzgerald, Crosby, Hodge, Fiorelli, Sub-Lieutenant Breckenden, Messrs. R. A. Moxon, J. M'Goldrick and two sons, Gibson, W. H. Cóuran, G. Cotton, and A. Watts, and 16 in other classes, in addition to a number of passengers from interstate ports. David Anderson, agent.

Kanowna, s, 6976 tons, Captain James Watt, from Fremantle, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Passengers—180 in the saloon, and 30 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Fiona, s, 817 tons, Captain Barnes, from Fiji. Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., agents.

Hobart, s, 2463 tons, Captain Brebner, from Newcastle. A. M. Reid, agent.

Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Manuka, s, 4505 tons, Captain E. Phillips, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Nerong, s, 219 tons, Captain Pugh, from Bellinger River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Archer, s, 604 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

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Pacifique, s, 1956 tons, Captain Geo. Bourge, from New Hebrides and New Caledonia. Passengers—For Sydney: Mrs. Q. Weeks, Miss Jane Perrand, Mr. Eugene Perrand, Mr. G. L. S. Kerr, Mr. Perkins, Mr. L. Andrain, Mr. M'Donald, Mrs. de Greslan, Mr. Rene Veyret, Mr. Ernest Veyret, Mr. G. Delaphene, Mrs. Saxton, Mr. Ozonley, Miss Lobert, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Fremont, Mr. Od. Londes, Mr. Briquet, Mr. Humblot. For Melbourne: Sister Edouard, Sister Timothie. For Colombo: N'guyen van Bat, N'guyen van Cam. For Marseilles: Captain Peignier, Mrs. Peignier and baby, Captain Lasoulee, Lieutenant Frechon, Captain Sevin, Mr. Vessieres, Mr. Defoux, 22 sailors, Mr. Bidamant (chief officer sailing vessel Socoa), Mr. Banere de Hunt, Mr. Orsene Leliene, Mrs. Faire, Mr. and Mrs. Barastro and two children, Mrs. Saint Ouhert and child, Mr. Marigmen, Mr. Chabes, Mrs. Florens and child, Mr. Q. Zouve, 22 policemen, Mr. Decoutter, Mr. and Mrs. Michel and three children, Mr. Spingler and two children, Mr. Sebil, Mr. Emile Guerville, 28 soldiers and four sailors. Brasier de Thuy, agent.

Chingtu, s, 2269 tons, Captain Howie, from Melbourne, via Newcastle. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Barrabool, s, 942 tons, Captain Gerrit Smith, from Brisbane. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain H. Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain O'Bierne, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

Kallatina, s, 646 tons, Captain G. Nyholm, from Clarence River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Eden, s, 893 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden, via ports. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Bellinger, s, 229 tons, Captain Hunt, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

Hastings, s, 193 tons, Captain L. W. Merrett, from Port Macquarie. Alex. Kethel and Co., agents.

Alowrie, s, 504 tons, Captain Swanson, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Trilby, s, 129 tons, Captain W. Duval, from Camden Haven. Master, agent.

Narooma, s, 165 tons, Captain Lacy, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

Tomki, s, 589 tons, Captain Balfour, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Jan. 28.

Oroya, R.M.S., for London, via ports.
Rhein, G.M.S., for Bremen, via ports.
Afric, s, for Liverpool, via South Africa and ports.
Upolu, s, for Christmas Island, via Newcastle.
Carnedd Llewellyn, sh, for Callao.
Altona, s, for Hamburg, via Melbourne and ports.
Warrigal, s, for Brisbane.
Drayton Grange, s, for Brisbane.
Monowai, s, for Wellington.
Gabo, s, for Melbourne.
Marloo, s, for Cairns, via ports.

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H.M.S. Pylades, for Chatham, via ports.
Duke of Portland, s, for London, via ports.
Fleur de Lis, bq, for London, via ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Jan. 30.

Ville de la Ciotat, F.M.S., for Marseilles, via ports; Hastings, s, for Port Macquarie; Augusta, s, for Tweed River; Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company's steamer for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—January 28.

Monowai, s, 3433 tons, Captain Worrall, for Wellington. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawry, Mr. and Mrs. de Crastigny, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, Mesdames A. Rusden, St. Clair, Margolwith, Ducrow and 2 children, Maxwell, maid, Margolwith, 2 children, Tweedie, Misses M'Lean, Fitzgerald, M'Lean, Fell, H. L. Rennie, Kirk, Rennie, Kirkcaldy, M. Williams, Williams, Baker, Fitzgerald, St. Clair, Woodward, Nuller, Crawford, R. Westing, Allan, H. P. Mackay, Paine, Wilson, Margolwith (3), Messrs. L. Parkinson, A. Tyndall, J. F. Moore, E. J. Felton, A. I. Silly, A. Heir, G. Keven, D. S. Evans, H. M'Kenzie, Rev. Dr. Roseby, E. R. M'Donald, John Monaghan, T. Worley, Horn Decrow, De Haas, S. Lawry, H. Atkinson, S. C. Wilson, J. Merecki, N. D. Healy, H. B. Enderby, Fell, Mackay, W. G. Williams, R. Gale, M'Philamy, I. Mote, A. M'Culloch, Hunter, Fonks, L. T. Curtis, and 43 in the steerage.

......, s, 4461 tons, Captain J. Hellerich, for Hamburg, via Melbourne and ports.

Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain H. A. Morrisby, for Newcastle.

Drayton Grange, s, 6953 tons, Captain A. Murrison, for Brisbane, with part original cargo.

Rhein, G.M.S., 10,058 tons, Captain G. Rott, for Bremen, via ports, with passengers as per list published on Saturday.

Oroya, R.M.S., 6297 tons, Captain W. Jenks, R.N.R., for London, via ports, with passengers as per list published on Saturday.

Ville de la Ciotat, F.M.S., 6461 tons, Captain A. Fiaschi, for Marseilles, via ports, with passengers as per list published elsewhere.

Afric, s, 11,984 tons, Captain J. Carter, for London and Liverpool, via Melbourne, Albany, Natal, and Capetown, with passengers as per list published on Saturday.

IMPORTS.—Jan. 28.

Ormuz, R.M.S., from London, via ports: 124 pkgs tea, 100 cs bronze coin (£1000), 316 pcs iron, 17 anvils, 20 cs books, 34 pkgs printed matter, 94 pkgs machinery, 20 brls flour, 19 cs drugs, 29 joists, 104 cs galvd iron, 887 pkgs steel, and a large quantity of unspecified merchandise.

Warrego, s, from Burketown, via ports: 10 bgs slag, 141 bgs c ore, 15 bgs furskins, 6848 bgs sugar, 410 bls wool, 24 bgs hides, 327 hides, 174 bdls timber, 52 sks c seed, 50 cs jams, 10 cs passionfruit, 182 bgs pumpkins, 57 cs preserved fruits, 12 bdls apricots, 16 bls hay, 61 cs bottles, 16 bls hay, 50 cs syrup, 1 pony and sulky, 56 cs bananas, and sundries.

Fiona, s, from Fiji: 780 tons sugar, and 12 tons scrap iron.

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Kallatina, s, from Clarence River: 8 bgs bones, 666 bxs butter, 118 cs eggs, 64 cs fish, 164 hides, 6 horses, 95 pigs, 20 bls millet, 9 bgs oysters, 707 bgs maize, 19 cps poultry, 13 csks tallow, and sundries.

Barrabool, s, from Brisbane: 36 bgs hides, 42 bls wool, 2 bls skins, 52 bls hay, 24 bls chaff, 15 bgs pumpkins, 7 bgs glass, 50 cs mineral water, 4 cs saddlery, 5 cs stationery, 4 cs bacon, 8 cs confectionery, quantity of furniture, samples and sundries, 670 cs fruit.

Tomki, s, from Richmond River: 27 bgs bones, 1309 bxs butter, 16 cs bacon, 40 cs eggs, 9 cs fish, 6 cs fruit, 176 hides and 27 sks hides, 20 bgs empty bottles, 1 buggy, 2 horses, 5 pigs, 77 cs honey, 21 cks tallow, 32 bls millet, 22 bgs ores, 24 bgs oysters, 12 bgs seeds, 4 cps poultry, 10 bdls skins, 16,435ft boxwood, 5675ft sawn pine, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—Jan. 28.

Afric, s, for London and Liverpool, via Capetown and ports: 2973 bls wool, 160 bls sheepskins, 6 bls furskins, 34 bls and 290 bgs hides, 42 bgs glue pieces, 48 csks pelts, 2642 ingots copper, 76 bgs copper matte, 326 bgs tin cuttings, 6748 bxs and 20 bgs butter, 3256 cs mutton, 1544 crts rabbits, 13 crts hares, 3032 bgs wheat, 1220 brls, 509 csks, and 3 cs oil, 723 csks tallow, 2778 iron centres, 1243 brass tubes, 40 bls twine, and sundries. Transhipments: 21 bls wool, 10 bxs gold (£22,641), 2500 slabs copper, 2140 bars bullion, 780 bgs concentrates, 500 bgs cobalt, 876 bxs butter, 1328 sks copra, 191 sks candle nuts, 156 cs gum, 3 cs shells, and sundries.

Oroya, R.M.S., for London, via ports: 860 bls wool, 84 bls leather, 66 csks tallow, 40 cs seeds, 225 bgs wolfram ore, 3671 bxs butter, 1160 ccs mutton, 69 tierces beef, 30 crts hares, 60 crts rabbits, 20 brs and 6 bxs bullion, 12 cs jam, 5354 brs lead, and sundries.

Ville de la Ciotat, F.M.S., for Marseilles, via ports: 3452 bls wool, 266 bgs sheepskins, 250 bgs horns, 1 bx seeds, and 35 csks oil. From Noumea: 539 bgs coffee, 4303 bgs cobalt ore, 1342 bgs copra, 24 csks skins, 10 pkgs sandalwood.

Rhein, G.M.S., for Bremen, via ports: 65 logs, 128 pcs timber, 50 bgs ore, 385 bgs gum, 115 bls skins, 5000 hides, 25 pkgs casings, 22 nickel cases, 19 cs tart. acid, 248 bgs tin clippings, 26 bgs hair, 50 cs seeds, 19 empty tubes, 400 bgs oilcake, 7657 bls wool, and sundries. Transhipment cargo: 8326 bgs copra, 16,089 brs lead, 407 tons concentrates, 192 ingots tin, and sundries.

Altona, s, for Hamburg, via Melbourne and ports: 9593 bls wool, 1154 pcs timber, 70 sks flour, 30 pkgs metal, 171 bgs wolfram ore, 115 bgs scheelite ore, 248 bgs scrap tin, 100 empty drums, and sundries. Transhipment cargo: 80 tons ivory nuts, 1201 bgs copra, 45 pkgs seeds, and sundries.

After a stay in port of four and a half months the bq Fleur-de-Lis sailed yesterday for East London, South Africa, with a cargo of sleepers.

According to advices received from Noumea by the steamer Pacifique yesterday, the French bq Rene Kerviler left Nehoue on Jan. 18 for Rotterdam with 3276 tons of nickel ore; and the French barque Socoa left the same port on the same day with 3360 tons. The Felix Faure is now on her way to Noumea, having sailed from Havre on the 11th inst.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ormuz arrived from London on Saturday, and berthed at the Quay.

The R.M.S. Oroya was despatched from Sydney on Saturday for London, via ports.

The R.M.S. Moldavia, from London, arrived at Adelaide at 11.25 a.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Aorangi, from Vancouver, is due at Sydney to-day.

The G.M.S. Rhein sailed from Sydney on Saturday for Bremen.

The G.M.S. Friedrich der Grosse, from Bremen, arrived at Adelaide on Saturday, and left again for Melbourne.

The F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat will leave Sydney to-day for Marseilles.

The F.M.S. Yarra, from Marseilles, arrived at Melbourne yesterday.

PASSENGERS BY THE VILLE DE LA CIOTAT.

The following is a list of passengers by the F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat, which will sail to-day for Marseilles:—Monsieur Biard d'Aunet (Consul-General for France), Mr. and Mrs. Lefebvre and 2 children and nurse, Mr. and Mrs. Lambaray and 2 children and nurse, Mr. and Mrs. Guedon, Mrs. E. Millard, Messrs. Sutcliffe, J. Bruggmann, Scamps, H. Dutries, Miss Smith, Mr. Valentine; and a large number of passengers from Noumea by the Pacifique, whose names will be found under arrivals.

ARRIVAL OF THE PACIFIQUE.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Pacifique returned to Sydney yesterday afternoon from the islands. She left Sydney at 1 p.m. on January 11 for Noumea and the New Hebrides, and encountered very high head seas up to Noumea, where she arrived on the 15th. She left on the following day with a number of tourists, and her trip to the islands proved a very enjoyable one, the temperature being very mild, and the weather fine. This was Captain Bourge's last trip, and all the planters gave him a flattering send-off. The planters came from every part to bid him good-bye, and to thank him for the great interest he had taken in the progress of the islands. It was the first aniversary of the opening of the line by the Pacifique, and speeches were made. The planters were invited on board the Pacifique, and were introduced to Mr. Alfred Loumeau, the new captain.

Port Vila was left at noon on the 22nd inst, and Noumea was reached on the 23rd, at 5 p.m. After unloading a part of the cargo taken in at the New Hebrides, the steamer left Noumea at 5 p.m. on the 25th inst, and made her way down to Sydney at a very good speed.

Amongst the passengers homebound are the captain and crew of the sailing vessel Handaudine, wrecked on the Caledonian coast a few weeks ago.

Captain Bourge leaves to-day by the Ville de la Ciotat.

THE UNION LINERS.

The Oonah arrived at Hobart 11 a.m. on Monday, and sails 6 p.m. to-morrow for Sydney.

The Karori is due this morning from Devonport.

The Warrimoo arrived at Melbourne on Saturday, and sails at 4 p.m. on Wednesday for Bluff, via Hobart.

THE HOLYROOD, FROM TABLE BAY.

The barque Holyrood, after a passage of 41 days from Table Bay, arrived at Sydney on Friday, and anchored off Double Bay. She sailed from South Africa on December 17, and during the first stage of the journey met with strong variable winds. The easting was run down on the parallel of 42 S., with strong W winds for the most part. She has come here in ballast, and will load a cargo of wheat for the United Kingdom or the Continent.

THE JARLEN SPOKEN.

The Norwegian ship Jarlen, which sailed from Port Germain, South Australia, on January 16, with 20,675 bags of wheat, for Capetown, was spoken by the R.M.S. Ormuz, in lat. 35.41 S, long. 135.20 E. She wished to be reported "all well."

HOWARD SMITH LINE.

The Gabo left on Saturday for Melbourne.

The Peregrine is expected here on Friday, 10th prox, and leaves again on the 11th for Melbourne.

The Barrabool, which arrived yesterday, leaves again on Tuesday for Brisbane.

The Bombala leaves Melbourne for Western Australia on Wednesday, the 8th prox.

The Time left Newcastle yesterday for the southern capital.

The Era is at present en route to Port Pirie.

The Age left Port Pirie on Sunday last for Melbourne direct, where she is to undergo an overhaul.

The Chillagoe is at present engaged in the Queensland sugar and coal trade.

The Boveric is en route to South Africa.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Messrs. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., managing agents in Australasia, report:—

The Chingtu arrived yesterday from Melbourne, via Newcastle, and anchored in Johnston's Bay to load lead and copper. She will proceed to Pyrmont wharf to load about 600 tons of grain. She completes loading at the China Navigation Co.'s wharf, Circular Quay, and sails for Japan, via the usual ports and Port Darwin, on Feb. 8.

The Taiyuan left Hongkong on the 23rd instant, for Australian ports, via Manilla and Port Darwin, and is due here on Feb. 15.

THE TYSER LINE.

The Star of Ireland sailed from New York Dec. 15 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports, and is due at Melbourne to-day. The Indradevi sailed from London Dec. 29 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports, and is due at Melbourne Feb. 14. The Star of New Zealand sailed from New York Jan. 11 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports, and is due at Melbourne March 1. The Mimiro sailed from London on Saturday for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand. The Indralema sails from Liverpool at the end of the month for Australian and New Zealand ports. The Indraghiri was at London on 14th inst, and leaves New York Feb. 29 for Melbourne, Sydney, and usual New Zealand ports. The Marere left Auckland Dec. 18 for London, via Cape Horn. The Hawkes Bay was at London on 20th inst, and leaves New York March 28 for Melbourne, Sydney, and usual New Zealand ports. The Niwaru left Wellington Jan. 10 for London, via Cape Horn. The Tomoana is homeward loading at New Zealand ports. The Star of Australia is homeward loading at New Zealand ports. The Star of Scotland arrived at Auckland 26th inst from London, via Melbourne and Sydney. The barque Falls of Garry arrived here on the morning of 21st inst, and is now discharging American freight at Dalgety's new No. 1 jetty.

THE CURRIE LINE.

The following are the movements of Messrs. Archd. Currie and Co.'s Australian and Indian line of steamships:—

The Argus sailed January 17 from Sydney for Java ports and Singapore, via Melbourne, and left the latter port on the 21st inst. The Darius arrived at Bombay on the 12th inst from Calcutta. The Euryalus sailed 4th January from Melbourne for Delagoa Bay and Durban. The Fortunatus sailed from Melbourne on the 27th inst for Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta. The Gracchus arrived at Calcutta on the 30th ultimo, and loads for Australia on the January berth.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Berlin, s, for Hamburg; Mercedes, s, for Hongkong.

CAIRNS (1400 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Wyandra, s, from Cooktown.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Wollowra, s, and Australian, s, both for Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Changsha, s, from Sydney.

GLADSTONE (828 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Barcoo, s, for Townsville.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Sarpedon, s, from Sydney. Jan. 29, Willehad, s, from Yokohama; Burwah, s, from Rockhampton; Pyrmont, s, from Clarence River; Flinders, s, from Bundaberg. Dep: Jan. 28, Aorangi, R.M.S., Marathon, s, and Arawatta, s, all for Sydney; Wodonga, s, for Cooktown; Herbert, s, for Maryborough; Tinana, s, for Rockhampton; Pelican, s, with Ferret in tow, for New Zealand.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Duroby, s, at 1.15 p.m., from Sydney.

BYRON BAY (345 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Cavanba, s, for Sydney.

RICHMOND HEADS (331 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Macleay, s, at 11.40 a.m.; City of Grafton, s, at 11.30 a.m., both from Sydney. Jan. 29, Wyoming, s, at 1.45 p.m. Dep: Jan. 28, Tomki, s, at 11.45 a.m., and Friendship, s, at 5.40 p.m., for Sydney; Pyrmont, s, at 2.40 p.m., for Brisbane.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Kallatina, s, at 1.37 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: Jan. 29, Marloo, s, at 8.45 p.m., north.

COFF'S HARBOUR (237 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Cooloon, s, at 11.30 p.m., from Woolgoolga.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Rosedale, s, at 11.10 a.m., from Sydney. Jan. 29, Wave, ktch, harbound. Dep: Rosedale, s, at 3.30 p.m.

TRIAL BAY (209 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Burrawong, s, at 11.40 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Jan. 29, Burrawong, s, at 2.15 a.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: Jan. 29, Warregal, s, at 11.5 a.m.; Drayton Grange, s, at 2.30 p.m.; Ramornie, s, at 2.50 p.m., all north; Rosedale, s, at 5.20 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Rosedale, s, at 1 a.m., for Nambucca River; Hastings, s, at 1 p.m., Trilby, s, at 2 p.m., both for Sydney.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: Jan. 29, St. George, s, at 2.10 p.m.; Kyogle, s, at 3 p.m., both north; Marathon, s, at 5.30 p.m., Aorangi, R.M.S., at 5.55 p.m., both south.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: Jan. 29, Cavanba, s, at 4 p.m.; a small steamer, at 4.10 p.m.; Arawatta, s, at 5.45 p.m., all south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159 miles).—Dep: Jan. 25, Bellinger, s, at 2 p.m., for Sydney.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Arr: Jan. 29, Kincumber, s, at 2.30 p.m., from Newcastle.

CAPE HAWKE (125 miles).—Arr. Jan. 28, Willinga, sch, from Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: Jan. 29, Commonwealth, s, at 1.30 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Joker, ktch, at 9.35 a.m. Jan. 29, Hawke, s, at 5 a.m.; a schooner, like Sophia Ann, crossing in at 10.40 a.m.; Williams, s, at 9.15 a.m.; Tarshaw, s, at 10 am. Dep: Jan. 28, Myall, sch, at 3.25 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: Jan. 29, Burrawong, s, and Cooloon, s, both at 5.30 p.m., south.

NEWCASTLE.—Arr Jan. 28, S. A. Hayward, ktch, from the north; Alice, s, Namoi, s, Wolumbin, s, Kadnia, s, Auriga, s, Sphene, s, from Sydney; Chingtu, s, from Melbourne; St. George, s, from Richmond River; Unity, s, from the south; Kincumber, s, from Manning River. Jan. 29, Newcastle, s, from Sydney; Rodenbeck, German sh, from Salina Cruz; Magdalene, s, from Sydney. Dep: Jan. 28, Admiral, ktch, Barunda, s, Alice, s, Duckenfield, s, Sphene, s, Auriga, sch, Namoi, s, for Sydney; Kincumber, s, for Manning River; Manuka, s, for Auckland, via Sydney; Unity, s, for the south; Silver Cloud, bqtne, for Auckland, with 393 tons of East Greta coal; Hands Isle, bqtne, for Auckland, with 371 tons of East Greta coal; Southern Cross, bqtne, for Auckland, with 250 tons of Hetton coal and 25 tons coke; Wollumbin, s, for Byron Bay; St. George, s, for Richmond River. Jan. 29, Barwon, s, for Geelong, with 4580 tons of coal; Commonwealth, s, for Sydney; Chingtu, s, for Hongkong, via Sydney; Nardoo, s, for Port Pirie, via Sydney, with 2950 tons coal; Time, s, for Melbourne; Nardoo, s, for Port Pirie, via Sydney; Chingtu, s, for Hongkong, via Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: Jan. 29, Arab, ktch, at 6.35 a.m.; Ripple, s, at 7.50 p.m., both north; one of Howard Smith's steamers, at 5.30 p.m., south.

MORUYA (141 miles).—Dep: Jan. 29, Ripple, s, at 5 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: One of Huddart, Parker's steamers, at 11 a.m., north.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: Jan. 29, Karori, s, at 3 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: Jan. 29, Oroya, R.M.S., at 4.30 a.m., Afric, s, at 5.15 a.m., ...koowa, s, at 9.20 a.m., Rhein, G.M.S., at 10.25 a.m., Ouraka, s, at 2.55 p.m., Altona, s, at 3.15 p.m., all west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (496 miles).—Outward: Jan. 29, a steamer at 3.55 a.m., Mintaro, s, at 6.30 a.m., Glaucus, s, at 6.30 a.m., Formosa, bq, at 7.30 a.m., Era, s, at 9.40 a.m., New Guinea, s, at 2 p.m., Tarcoola, s, at 4 p.m.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Warrimoo, s, from New Zealand; Grantala, s, from Fremantle; Sokoto, bq, from Geelong. Jan. 29, Loongana, s, from Launceston; Inverurie, bq, from Adelaide; Salamis, bq, from Fredrickstadt; Flora, s, from Devonport; Yarra, F.M.S., from Marseilles; Kawatiri, s, from Strahan. Dep: Jan. 28, Aramac, s, for Sydney; Norfolk, s, for Capetown; Wareatea, s, for Launceston; Orion, s, for Devonport; Burrumbeet, s, for Adelaide; Boveric, s, for Capetown; Formosa, bq, for U.K.; Beasfield, bq, for Queenstown; Signi, bq, for English Channel; Fortunatus, s, for Calcutta.

HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Oonah, s, at 10.35 a.m., from Sydney; Edward Rostand, bq, from Havre. Dep: Jan. 28, Mamari, s, for New Zealand.

DEVONPORT.—Dep: Jan. 28, Karori, s, at 2.22 a.m., for Sydney.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Friedrich der Grosse, G.M.S., from Bremen; Ancaios, sh, from Algoa Bay. Jan. 29, Mongolia, R.M.S., from London. Dep: Jan. 28, Friedrich der Grosse, G.M.S., for Sydney, via Melbourne; Cufic, s, for Melbourne; Yongala, s, for Fremantle; Melbourne, s, for Melbourne; Pitcairn Island, bq, for the United Kingdom.

PORT PIRIE (1238 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Celtic Race, bq, and Nantes, bq, for the United Kingdom; Era, s, and Willyama, s, both for Sydney.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Suevic, s, for the eastern States; Sydney, s, for Fremantle. Passed: Jan. 29, India, R.M.S., west.

FREMANTLE (2460 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Dilkera, s, at 12.10 a.m.; Bombala, s, at 12.25 a.m., both for the eastern States.

FIJI SHIPPING.

SUVA (1743 miles).—Arr: Jan. 28, Navua, s, from Auckland.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Dep: Jan. 28, Wimmera, s, for Sydney; Karamea, s, for London.

KAIPARA.—Dep: Jan. 29, Senorita, bqtn, for Sydney.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Sunday.

Average rainfall for 46 years, 4in.354. Total from Jan. 1 to Jan. 28, .455. Temperature.—Saturday, maximum 80, minimum 66.5. Sunday, maximum 78.6, minimum 64.6; 9 p.m., 70.4.

Humidity.—Saturday, at 9 a.m., 60.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M., SATURDAY.

Eucla, 29.83; Streaky Bay, 29.85; Adelaide, 29.89; Robe, 29.90; Portland, 29.94; Melbourne, 29.93; Wilson's Promontory, 29.99; Gabo Island, 30.02; Cape St. George, 30.06; Sydney, 30.07; Newcastle, 30.13; Port Macquarie, 30.17; Clarence Heads, 30.18.

Sunday.—Sydney, 9 p.m., 29.762.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. Saturday).—Blayney 5 points, Burrowa 13, Bathurst 3, Bowral 5, Carcoar 3, Cowra 5, Goulburn 1, Grenfell 3, Gunning 15, Kiandra 1, Kurrajong 6, Katoomba 17, Lawson 11, Moss Vale 7, Mount Victoria 13, Narromine 1, Nimitybelle 8, Picton 13, Parramatta 11, Rydal 10, Sydney 11, Springwood 13, Taralga 15, Windsor 12, Wollongong 2, Young 10.

Additional Reports at 6 p.m., Saturday.—Wentworth 7 points, Tweed Heads showery.

Sunday Reports.—Moruya, thunderstorm; Eden, light rain; Green Cape, steady rain.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M., SATURDAY.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. Saturday).—Cloudy conditions prevailed generally; light rains were recorded on the Central tableland and the coast.

Victoria.—Fine, clear, and warm to hot throughout. South Australia.—Dull and unsettled on West Coast, hot and sultry and partially cloudy elsewhere. Northern Territory.—Fine and hot.

THE RIVERS INLAND.

The heights of the rivers inland above summer level at 9 a.m. on Saturday were as follow:—

Albury, 10in; Balranald, b.s.l.; Bingara, low; Bugabilla, 1ft 5in; Booligal, stopped running; Bourke, 6ft 9in above weir, low below weir; Brewarrina, 2ft; Condobolin, low; Cowra, 1ft 5in; Dubbo, 1ft; Euabalong, dry; Euston, 5ft 4in; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, at summer level; Gunnedah, 5in; Hay, 1ft b s l; Hillston, stopped running; Kunopia, low; Louth, 2ft 5in; Manilla, low; Menindie, 8in; Mogil Mogil, low, Mungundi, 8ft 2in, r; Moama, 7ft 6in; Moulamein, 1ft; Narranderra, 5ft 5in; Pooncarie, 7in; Tilpa, 10in, r; Tocumwal, 1ft 7in; Wagga Wagga, 1ft 5in; Walgett, 1ft 10in; Wilcannia, 1ft 6in, r; Yetman, 1ft; Barwon River, at Walgett, 5ft, stationary; Namoi River, at Walgett, 2ft 5in, stationary.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; b.s.l., below summer level.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 6.30 P.M., SUNDAY.

Ballina, N, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N, light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, NE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, NE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, NE, strong, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, NE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, NE, strong, fine, sea rough; Newcastle, NE, strong, fine, sea slight; South Head, NE, fresh, sea slight; Wollongong, NE, strong, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, NE, very strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, NE, strong, cloudy, hazy, sea moderate; Moruya, S, moderate, thunderstorm passing, sea moderate; Eden, SE, light, overcast, light rain, sea smooth; Green Cape, SW, light, overcast, steady rain, sea smooth; Gabo Island, SW, light, overcast, gloomy, sea rough.

FORECAST AT 9 P.M., SUNDAY.

New South Wales.—Conditions still unsettled on the coast and southern districts, with occasional thunder showers; warm to hot northerly winds in northern districts, but veering to cool, squally, southerly in southern districts and on the coast.—H. A. Hunt.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JAN. 30.

Sun rises at 5.14, sets at 7.3; moon, 12.49 a.m., 1.18 p.m.; Mercury, 3.23 a.m., 5.37 p.m.; Venus, 6.45 a.m., 9.13 p.m.; Mars, 11.6 p.m., 12.21 p.m.; Jupiter, 11.6 a.m., 10.31 p.m.; Saturn, 6.15 a.m., 7.44 p.m.

New moon, February 4; full moon, February 20.

High water at Fort Denison, 4.6 a.m., 4.38 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland; Victoria.—Overland; Queensland.—Overland — Noon.

Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, noon.

TUESDAY.

Manila, P.I. (direct).—Indradeo, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Hobart.—Westralia, 11 a.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 1 p.m.
Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Port Macquarie, Nambucca Heads, and Macksville-Rosedale, 2 p.m.
Laurieton.—Bellinger, 3 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Oroya, 5 p.m.
R.M.S. Oroya (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Oroya, 5 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, etc, N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Auckland, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Manuka, 2 p.m.
Tonga and Samoa, from Auckland.—Hauroto, 2 p.m.
Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, New Hebrides, and Bank's Group.—Tambo, 3 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 6 p.m.
Natal and Cape Town, via Melbourne.—Afric, 7 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Samarai and Port Moresby, from Brisbane.—Aramac, 3.45 p.m.
*United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Rhein, 5 p.m.
G.M.S. Rhein (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5 p.m.
*United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat, 5 p.m.
F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Grantala, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orion, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Wellington, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Wimmera, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Papanui, noon.
Brisbane.—Gabo, noon.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay, and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Hobart.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Chingtu, 11 a.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 5.30 p.m.

*Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

DESPATCH OF MAILS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PLACES.

Overland to Adelaide, and thence per Orient Company's steamer Oroya, January 31, 1905. Letters registered 3.30 p.m., ordinary 5 p.m., 2½d the ½oz. Newspapers, books, samples, and packets, 3.30 p.m. Late letters for the United Kingdom and foreign countries will be received at the General Post Office up to 6.15 p.m. Late fee, 2½d each letter. Late letters for the United Kingdom and foreign countries can be posted in the late letter-box, Redfern Railway Station (opposite the inquiry office), up to 7.15 p.m. Late fee, 2½d each letter. For rates to places other than the United Kingdom see "Postal Guide." Mails for the United Kingdom per Orient Company's steamer Oroya will be due in London on March 5, 1905.

STEAMER WILLEHAD AT BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

The N.D.L. liner Willehad arrived at Pinkenba early to-day from Yokohama, via ports, after an uneventful voyage. Her passengers include Mr. and Mrs. Rust, Mr. P. Kleintschen, for Sydney. It is expected that she will resume her voyage to-morrow night.

CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Mr. John Baxter (Acting Collector of Customs) held an inquiry at the Customs-house on Saturday, under the provisions of part XV. of the Customs Act of 1901. Messrs. G. Tulloch, third engineer, J. M'Lean, fourth engineer, R. Nicholson, chief steward, Thomas Evans, first officer, and Hassan Doula were asked to answer a charge of being unlawfully in possession of goods at the steamer Indradeo on January 14. Customs officers boarded the vessel, and according to evidence found a small quantity of tobacco and cigars in various places, after a Customs officer had been on board, and sealed up the dutiable portion of the goods the previous day. For the defendants it was shown that the Customs officer who did the sealing was in a hurry, and certain cigars were left out for private use, while others were forgotten. No intention of smuggling was in the minds of the people in possession of the dutiable goods. The decision was reserved.

ADULTERATED MILK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I notice in recent prosecutions for the adulteration of milk that a manager of a company stated the analyses of certain samples showed that the suppliers of the company must have added water to the milk. This very fact proves proper precautions are not taken to see it is free from adulteration before being supplied to the public. A company advertised lately for a thorough certificated analyst, permanent position for a suitable man. On inquiries, information was supplied that the analyst would be expected to reside in the country and test from 75 to 100 samples of milk a day for milk fat, added water, formalin, and boracic acid for the munificent salary of 50s per week. Comment is needless. The magistrates should listen to no excuse, but insist on suppliers of milk taking proper precaution to see a pure article is sent out. Certain companies take every precaution and have their own inspectors on the look out to see the milk is not tampered with, and those companies that do so follow the same course should be made to do so by infliction of heavy fines when they are convicted of supplying adulterated milk.

I am, etc.,
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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Saturday Evening.

The following sales were reported on 'Change to-day:—Mercantile Mutual Insurance, 19s 10½d, a rise of 1½d; Permanent Trustee, 4s. During the week a steady business has been done on a market comparatively free from fluctuations. Bank of New South Wales are 1-8 higher; Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits, 1s; Silverton Tram, [illegible]; Burns, Philp, contributing, 3d; Colonial Sugar, 3-4. Closing quotations were as follow:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£					
DEBENTURES. [illegible]	549,350	...	...	4	101½	101	...	4
[illegible]	580,189	...	...	4	101¼	100	...	4
[illegible]	...	...	...	4	102	...	...	...
[illegible]	3,499,127	...	...	3	80	76	...	3¾
[illegible]	173,907	...	...	3½	89½	89½	...	4
[illegible]	...	...	...	4	100	...	...	4
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	99½	...	...	...
[illegible]	222,225	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	1,000,000	...	...	3½	98	...	...	4¼
[illegible]	1,000,000	...	...	3½	98¾	...	...	...
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[illegible]	899,300	...	...	5	100	...	...	...
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[illegible]	220,300	...	...	4	100	99	...	4
[illegible]	50,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	4
[illegible]	...	...	...	4	100	99	101	4
BANKS. [illegible]	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	1,000,000	40	40	12	90	89	...	5¼
[illegible]	200,000	10	8	4	...	...	72/6	5¾
[illegible]	160,000	10	8	2½	...	...	67/6	...
[illegible]	94,882	10	10	...	8/9	8/6	...	...
[illegible]	2,117,250	10	10	5	98	5	5¼	6
[illegible]	1,000,000	25	12½	10	26½	26¼	26½	4¾
[illegible]	1,162,440	8	5	3½	60/	...	...	5¾
[illegible]	905,280	10	10	5	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	2,000,000	20	20	10	41½	41½	41¾	5
[illegible]	427,319	6¼	3½	5	99/	5	...	3¼
[illegible]	100,000	7	2	2½	15/	...	...	7½
[illegible]	413,958	5	8	...	2/9	...	...	...
[illegible]	457,538	9	6¼	3½	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	1,500,000	75	25	10	46½	46	...	4¼
DEPOSITS. [illegible]	...	...	...	5	18/4½	18/9	...	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	3	12/2	12/1½	12/4½	4½
[illegible]	786,032	...	...	3½	11/6	...	11/6	...
[illegible]	632,870	...	...	3½	19/8	19/	...	3¾
[illegible]	3,334,900	...	...	3	13/3	12/9	...	4¼
[illegible]	869,418	...	...	3	11/6	11/3	12/	5
[illegible]	817,417	...	...	4	15/6	15/	...	5
[illegible]	963,547	...	...	4	15/10½	15/3	16	4¾
[illegible]	3,116,621	...	...	3½	13/3	13/	13/4½	5¾
STEAM. [illegible]	16,420	1	1	7½	20/9	24/	...	...
[illegible]	74,695	1	15/	...	17/6	17/	...	...
[illegible]	250,000	20	20/	10	18/	...	...	5¾
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	...	4/6	5/6	...
[illegible]	250,000	20	5/	5	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	100,000	1	1	6	20/6	20/3	20/9	6
[illegible]	131,250	1	17/6	8	21/	20/9	21/	6¾
[illegible]	140,000	1	1	10	...	48/	...	4
[illegible]	25,000	50	25	8	30/4½	31/	32/6	...
[illegible]	8,745	1	1	4	...	...	...	...
INSURANCE. [illegible]	62,500	1	12/6	14½	40/	39/	41/	4¾
[illegible]	37,500	1	5/	16¾	15/10½	15/10	16/	5¾
[illegible]	200,000	10	2	25	10/6	...	...	6
[illegible]	30,000	1	10/	8	13/	...	...	...
[illegible]	3,750	1	5/	8	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	62,500	10	2½	12½	5/1/	5	5¼	6¼
[illegible]	...	10	25/	12	55/	...	...	...
GAS. [illegible]	7,500	1	12/6	10	26/3	...	...	4¾
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	17 12	17¾	17¾	5
[illegible]	20,000	10	10	1	14/9	...	14/6	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	51/	...	...	6¾
[illegible]	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	...	...	5¾
[illegible]	15,500	5	5	7	...	6	7	...
[illegible]	10,000	1	1	8	26/	24/6	...	...
[illegible]	5,000	1	10/	8	13/6	13/3	14/	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	18/9	18/9	...	7¼
Newcastle	38,256	2	2	15	6¼	5¾	...	...
N. Shore	125,000	1	1	7	22/	22/	...	4¾
Ditto new	12,500	1	10/	7	21/	20/6	22/	...
BREWERIES. Australian (and Wood)	40,000	10	10/	3	2/	...	...	...
[illegible]	250,000	1	1	4	9	8/6	...	9
Marshall's	31,250	10	5	6	3	...	...	9
[illegible]	100,000	15	15	...	29/	28/	...	8
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	4	13/6	13/	13/6	5¾
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	5	28/3	28/	28/6	5¾
MISCELLANEOUS. [illegible]	17,500	15/	10/	...	2/5	2/	...	...
Aust. News	40,000	1	1	...	6/6	...	7/	...
N.S.W. Sup.	280,000	1	1	...	18/	17/	19/9	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	28/	28/	28/6	6
[illegible]	50,000	7	10/	8	14/3	14/3	...	6
Col. Sugar	2,000,250	20	20	10	39	39	39¼	5¼
[illegible]	1,000,000	20	5	5	91/	90/	...	5¾
Dunlop Tyre, pref.	80,000	1	1	7	20/	19/	20/6	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	1/3	1/	...	...
[illegible]	27,200	1	16/	7	7/6	7/	8/	14
[illegible]	25,050	1	13/	7½	10/	9/9	...	10
[illegible]	480,000	1	10/	...	21/10	22/6	...	...
[illegible]	74,409	1	1	10	38/6	38/	39/6	5¼
Mort's Dock	280,000	1	1	...	17/	12/6	15/	...
[illegible]	45,301	1	1	6	17/9	...	18/3	...
[illegible]	97,730	12	10/	...	8/4	8/	8/5	...
[illegible]	80,000	1	17/	...	1/3	...	1/1	...
[illegible]	15,000	1	1	10	19/	...	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,000	5	2/6	8	4	3/11	4/1	5
[illegible] Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	10/3	...	10/6	5
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	11/	10/6	11/3	9
Silv. Tram	197,896	1	1	20	58/	55/	56/9	...
[illegible]	30,000	10	10	6	12	11¾	...	5
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	30/	...	30/6	6¾
[illegible]	37,500	1	10/	10	15/3	...	15/	6
[illegible]	15,000	1	10/	10	14/3	...	...	7
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
[illegible]	12,000	1	20/	8	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	4	...	8/4	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	150,000	1	1	10	30/	29/	...	6¾
LAND&BLD. [illegible]	...	...	...	...	9/3	9/	10/	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	19/	...	...	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	...	16/6	...	...
[illegible]	6,950	20	...	...	...	...	...	5¼
[illegible]	37,787	1	15/	9	20/	...	...	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	18,750	7/6	7/6	...	2/6	2/0	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-year's rate.

The business of the year is opening up slowly, the good clip and crop and favourable prices having given a much needed stimulus. But nothing more than a steady recovery can be anticipated. The banking, steam, and other meetings have generally shown fair to good results, and with the development of industry on the land, and a larger outturn of our primary products, subsidiary industries will be benefited. The proceeds of the crops and the dividend returns have released capital and given rather more ease to the money market. Still there is no quotable change. Bank deposit rates are quoted as follow:—For 24 months, 4 per cent.; for 12 months, 3½ per cent.; and for six months, 2 per cent. Discount rates are:—For three months' bills, 5½ to 6 per cent.; four months' bills, 6 to 6½ per cent.; overdrafts, 6 to 7½ per cent.

Exchange rates on London may be quoted as follow:—

	Buying.	Selling.
On demand	Par	12s 6d to 20s prem.
[illegible]	5s disc.	7s 6d to 15s prem.
60 days' sight	10s to 15s disc.	2s 6d to 10s prem.

The rates of State and interstate exchanges are as follow:—On New South Wales, ¼ per cent.; Broken Hill and Wilcannia, ½; to Queensland, as far north as Rockhampton, ¼; Townsville, ½; north of Townsville, 1; Victoria, ¼; Tasmania and South Australia, ¼; Western Australia—Perth and Fremantle, ½; Boulder City, Coolgardie, and Kalgoorlie, 1 per cent.; other parts of Western Australia, 1¼.

The Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners have issued certain fresh regulations. In place of regulation 357 it has been provided that:—

Goods which have been produced or manufactured within the Commonwealth, and which arrive at this port of Melbourne from any port in the Commonwealth shall pay 1s per ton wharfage, with a minimum of 1d for single packages and a maximum on agricultural implements only of 2s 6d. Returned empties from any port in the Commonwealth being casks, cases, boxes, crates, baskets, packages of biscuit and kerosene tins, bags, 3d per ton. Firewood, seashell, seaweed, and ballast, whether stone, sand, or shingle, 1d per ton.

Goods imported from any port outside the Commonwealth shall pay wharfage as below:—Special rates: Ballast, sand, shingle, or stone, 3d per ton; bricks, fire, 1s per 1000; ores and mineral earths, 1s per ton; oils, kerosene, in bulk, 5s per ten of 250 gallons; oil, fuel, in bulk, 5s per ton of 250 gallons; slates, roofing, 2s per 1000; tiles, roofing, 3s per 1000.

A further list of goods, including coke and coal, is rated at 3s per ton, and all others at 5s per ton. Goods are to be rated according to weight or measurement at the option of the Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners for the port of Melbourne. Goods transhipped to any port, when such transhipment takes place within 14 days after the expiration of 48 hours from the final discharge of the import vessel will be 1s per ton. That the 110th clause of the Act in the matter of transhipment will be sufficiently complied with if a transhipping entry is passed before the expiry of 48 hours, and the goods are passed to the custody of the exporting ship, but such goods must be actually reshipped within 14 days from the passing of the transhipping entry, otherwise the goods will be liable to the full wharfage. Goods exempt from wharfage are goods belonging to His Majesty's Government, passengers' luggage, guano, bones, bonedust, live stock.

In the question of wharfage in Sydney it may be hoped that this port will not be prejudiced by rates that in any way leave it at a disadvantage with its commercial rival. Our wharfs and harbour facilities have not cost so much as those of Melbourne; and the rates, therefore, ought to be lower here rather than higher.

The operation of the Sugar Convention is set forth by the "Dairy Chronicle," in a manner that clearly shows who obtained the benefits. Certainly, they did not go to England or come to Australia. A summary of the points is as follows:—

(1) The withdrawal of the old subsidies on production and export which we enjoyed, amounting to about 5s per cwt. (2) The prohibition of bountied sugars from countries which refused to join the convention—supplies which had been coming to us to the extent of about 175,000 tons, and might have come to a much larger extent. (3) Increased consumption on the Continent, amounting in the last sugar year to 880,000 tons, an increase, as Sir George Martineau and other anti-bounty agitators admit, directly due to the convention. (4) A deficiency in the new European crop, due in the first place to smaller sowings, as a result of the withdrawal of the bounties, but to a larger extent to the drought during the summer. This deficiency, which has been variously estimated at from 750,000 to 1,000,000 tons, has been partly offset by an increase of cane supplies. (5) Speculative cornering based upon the foregoing influences, and especially upon the fact that our market is no longer free to receive the good things of the whole earth.

The following table shows the Bank of England figures, quotations for Consols and New South Wales 3 per cents, and money rates, and prices of the principal Australian commodities in comparison with the figures for the years 1903 and 1904:—

—	Jan. 30, 1903.	Jan. 29, 1904.	Jan. 27, 1905.
	£	£	£
Coin and bullion	34,383,000	34,186,000	34,402,000
Circulation	28,432,000	28,043,000	27,634,000
Public deposits	8,515,000	5,976,000	8,965,000
Other deposits	42,284,000	43,831,000	41,395,000
Government securities	15,636,000	19,233,000	16,408,000
Other securities	29,396,000	24,248,000	24,634,000
Reserve of notes and coin	24,126,000	24,593,000	25,423,000
Percen. of reserve to liab.	47.38	49.20	50.43
Bank rate of disc., p.c.	4	4	3
Market rate, p.c.	3½	3	2½
Goschen's Consols	93⅞	88	88 7-16
N.S.W. 3's, 1935	93	88	91
Silver, per oz.	21⅞d	21 9-16d	28 5-16d
Bradford tops, 40's	10½d	12½d	16d
Ditto, 46's	13½d	14d	17d
Ditto, 60's, common	23½d	23½d	24½d
Ditto, 60's, super	24½d	24½d	24½d
Tin, per ton	123	126½d	131
Lead, per ton	11¼	11 9-16	12 21-32
Copper, per ton	54⅞	56¼	67¼
Aus. mutton, per lb.	4¼d	3 11-16d	3½d
Aus. mut. tallow, med.	32/6	...	25/
Aus. butter, per cwt.	103/	101/	101/

The Bank of England figures show a rather stronger position than a year ago, and the bank and market rates continue easier. Consols are higher, but New South Wales 3 per cents are lower. Prices of most articles of Australian production remain higher on the year.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

FROZEN MEAT MARKET.

The Frozen Meat Trade Association's Smithfield Market quotations for the under-mentioned classes of frozen meat are based on actual sales of not less than 100 carcases of mutton, or lamb, or 25 carcases of beef of fair average quality. These quotations are not for selected lines, but for parcels fairly representative of the bulk of the shipments now on the market.

AUSTRALIAN MUTTON.

Crossbred and merino wethers, heavy (over 50lb), 1-8d lower at 3 1-8d, light (under 50lb), unchanged at 3¼d.

RIVER PLATE MUTTON.

Heavy (over 50lb), 1-16d lower at 3¼d, light (under 56lb), 1-16d lower at 3 5-8d.

NEW ZEALAND MUTTON.

Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes, Canterbury, light (48lb to 56lb), 1-16d lower at 4 9-16d; medium ditto (56lb to 64lb), 1-8d lower at 4 3-8d; ditto heavy (64lb to 72lb), ⅛d lower at 4 1-8d; Dunedin and Southland (56lb to 64lb), 1-8d lower at 4½d; North Island (56lb to 64lb), ordinary, 1-8d lower at 4 1-8d, and best 3-16d lower at 4½d.

NEW ZEALAND LAMBS.

Canterbury, light (28lb to 36lb), none offering; heavy (36lb to 42lb), none offering; Dunedin and Southland (28lb to 42lb), none offering; North Island (28lb to 42lb), 6¼d.

AUSTRALIAN LAMBS.

Australian lambs, first quality, unchanged at 5 1-8d; second quality, unchanged at 4 5-8d.

RIVER PLATE LAMBS.

River Plate lambs, none offering.

AUSTRALIAN BEEF.

Ox fores (160lb to 200lb), 1-8d lower at 2¼d; ox hinds (180lb to 220lb), 1-8d lower at 2 7-8d.

RIVER PLATE BEEF.

Ox fores (180lb to 220lb), 1-16d lower at 2 9-16d; ox hinds, 1-8d lower at 2 7-8d.

NEW ZEALAND BEEF.

Ox fores (180lb to 200lb), 1-8d lower at 2 7-8d; ox hinds (180lb to 220lb), 1-16d lower at 3 3-8d.

LINSEED OIL.

Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s double-boiled linseed oil is quoted unchanged at 16½d per gallon.

KAURI GUM.

At the periodical auctions of kauri gum 2454 cases were offered, and 300 cases sold, at late rates. Good ¾-scraped realised 132s, and ordinary 122s per cwt.

METALS.

Closing prices are:—

Copper.—spot 67⅞, and 3 months 67 15-16 per ton.

Lead.—Soft (foreign) 12 23-32 per ton.

RABBITS.

There is a better demand for rabbits. Victorians are quoted at 15s to 15s 6d per crate.

HEMP.

The hemp market is dull, January-March shipment being quoted at £30 per ton.

Jan. 29.

SILVER.

The price of bar silver to-day is 2s 4½d per ounce standard.

WHEAT.

The shipment of wheat by the Vercingetorix realised 33s per quarter.

IMPORT MARKET.

The chief characteristic of this market has not been exceptional activity, but great buoyancy. Prices generally have been on the high side, and where fluctuations have occurred these have been mostly of an upward trend. While this is a satisfactory feature as far as holders are concerned, they would like to see a little more actual business being carried through. The slightest concession in prices would, however, speedily create buyers of a speculative, if not of a consumptive character.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer at auction on Thursday next, at the City mart, without reserve, 333 packages of Ceylon teas ex recent arrivals, on account of Mr. R. T. Remington.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £3468. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £577; narcotics, £90; agricultural products and groceries, £240; apparel and textiles, £1122; metals and machinery, £383; oils, paints, and varnishes, £47; earthenware, cement, etc., £64; drugs and chemicals, £55; wood, wicker, and cane, £140; jewellery and fancy goods, £17; leather and rubber, £28; paper and stationery, £21; vehicles, £15; miscellaneous, £118; pilotage, £66; harbour dues, £27; excise on spirits, £156; excise on beer, £266; excise on starch, £10.

EXPORT MARKET.

Exports of Butter.—The R.M.S. Oroya, which sailed on Saturday for London, via ports, took 3671 boxes of butter for the London market, shipped by the following merchants:—J. Barre Johnston and Co., 1112 boxes; Foley Brothers, Limited, £700; Thomas Clarke, 135; Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Company, 155; Hawken and Vance, 123; W. H. Barlow and Co., 75; J. Bartram and Son, 370; Berrima District F. and D. Company, Limited, 120; Coastal Farmers' Co-operative Company, Limited, 250; Fresh Food and Ice Company, Limited, 110; Australian Chilling and Freezing Company, Limited, 60; R. Hall and Son, 40; Casino Butter Factory, 376; Cobargo Butter Factory, 35; and G. S. Yuill and Co., 10 boxes. The Afric also sailed on Saturday, taking 6813 boxes for London, and 829 boxes for Liverpool. The shippers were:—For London: J. W. Young, 1442 boxes; D. Garrad, 2008; Pastoral Finance Association, 876; R. Hay, 1827. For Liverpool: D. Garrad, 622 boxes; and J. W. Young, 20 kegs.

Australian Wine in the United Kingdom.—Despite an aggregate shrinkage in the imports of wine into the United Kingdom during the last two years, consequent upon a falling-off in the consumption, there has been a steady increase in the imports of Australian wine. The following table of imports for the first 11 months of the past three years, drawn from the Board of Trade returns, is instructive:—

First 11 months.

From:	1902. Galls.	1903. Galls.	1904. Galls.
Germany	507,708	521,398	467,647
Holland	800,518	867,073	849,930
France	4,865,230	4,743,111	3,454,079
Portugal	3,066,380	3,203,426	2,654,163
Madeira	34,306	49,004	40,300
Spain, Red	2,341,050	1,988,423	1,540,270
Spain, White	1,568,499	1,272,517	1,149,747
Italy	319,444	280,183	271,647
British S. Africa	2,041	6,034	2,732
Australia	917,090	528,239	559,971
Other Countries	242,122	175,736	207,606
Total of Wine	15,106,208	13,544,144	11,261,382

Smithfield Meat Market.—Messrs. J. Barre Johnston and Co. advise the receipt of a cable from Messrs. W. Weddel and Co., London, as under:—Prime Sydney mutton, heavy 3¼d per lb, light 3¼d, market weak; prime Australian lambs, 5¼d, secondary 4½d to 4¼d, market irregular; prime beef, fores 2¼d, hinds 2¼d, market quiet.

London Furred Skins Sales.—Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report having received the following cable from their London house, dated 28th instant, in reference to furred skins sales:—"At the periodical sales of furred skins prices for opossumskins are unchanged as compared with the last sales held on October 26. Victorian and Tasmanian Swamp wallaby skins (furriers' full winter) have advanced 10 per cent; Australian bear skins are also 10 to 15 per cent. higher."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour on Saturday 321 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

Yesterday's Exchange quotations were:—Silverton Trams, b 55s, s 60s.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

Saturday's Exchange quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, b 4s 8d, s 4s 6d; Queensland National Bank, b 15s, s 15s 4d; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, b £100, s £101 5s.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Saturday's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cents., 1930, £88; London Bank, pref., £9 18s; Melbourne Tram, 22s 8d; Silverton Tram, 55s 6d; Colonial Sugar, £39.

Several thousand bags of wheat sold at 3s 5d. Five hundred chests Ceylon tea sold up to 8½d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

DEVONPORT (Tas.), Sunday.

The steamer Karori left Devonport on Saturday morning for Sydney with 1102 bags potatoes, 110 bags turnips, 105 bags peas, 86 bags straw.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The steamer New Guinea sailed on Saturday for Sydney with 114 bags onions, 380 bags sugar, and 404 bags chaff.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Saturday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Trade in produce to-day assumed the quiet characteristics natural on Saturday mornings. Some departments were a little brisker than usual on account of the coming suspension of business for the observance of the Anniversary Day holiday. At Redfern 63 truck loads of produce were offered, but apart from a slight improvement in wheat and oats, prices remained on former levels. During the closing week forage and grain departments have been excessively supplied with stocks, both from local centres and from other States. The consequent depression in values was more pronounced in forage products, lucerne receiving a distinct set-back. Maize has also followed a retrograde course during the week, and prime Queensland maize changed hands to-day at 2s 5d per bushel. Oats have somewhat improved. The butter market, in sympathy with the London market, has been more buoyant, this movement being accompanied by a similar step in Melbourne.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Best factory, sides 5½d to 6½d, flitches 5½d to 6d, middles 7d to 7½d; York Castle, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d; Federal, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d; Pineapple, middles 7½d, flitches 6d, sides 6½d; Bodalla, sides 6½d, middles 7½d, flitches 6d; F. F. and L., sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles 8d; B in circle, sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles 7½d. Hams: Colonial, in cloth, 8d, small weights 9d; Pineapple, 11d; New Zealand, 11d; York Castle, 10d to 10½d; Bodalla, 10½d; F. F. and L., 10½d; B in circle, 9½d; Federal, 10d lb.

Butter.—Choice selected brands 9½d, prime 9d to 9½d, seconds 8½d, pastry makes 7½d to 8d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d to 5½d, choice 6d, soft new 5d, prime large 5½d, inferior from 4d; Kameruka Cheddar, 7d; Edams, 8d; Bodalla, 7d lb.

Eggs.—Northern, 8d to 9d, choice 9½d; South Coast, 10d to 11d; suburban new-laid, 1s 1d to 1s 2d, choice 1s 3d doz.

POULTRY.

Fowls.—River: Hens 2s to 2s 6d, chickens 1s 3d to 1s 6d, young roosters 2s 6d to 2s 9d, choice 3s; English river ducks, 2s to 2s 3d; Muscovy ducks, river, 2s 6d to 3s, drakes 3s to 3s 6d; geese, young 6s to 7s; turkeys, gobblers 12s to 13s, choice 16s, hens 7s to 8s; guinea fowls, 3s 6d to 3s 9d pair.

GAME.

Pigeons.—Common 1s 6d, Wonga 3s 6d to 4s pair.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Shippers' 3s 4d to 3s 4½d; millers' parcels 3s 5d to 3s 5½d bus.

Flour.—Lines at from £8 to £8 10s ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Choice wheaten £4, prime £3 10s to £3 15s, medium £2 15s to £3 5s, inferior £2 10s. Melbourne: Oaten £3 to £3 10s. Adelaide: £3 10s to £3 15s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: £3 15s. Local: £3 15s ton.

Straw: Derrick-pressed—Tasmanian: £2 2s 6d ton.

Lucerne.—Wharf: Prime dry green £3, choice £3 5s, old summer £2 10s to £2 15s, rough £2 to £2 5s. Redfern: Prime large £2 15s to £2 16s 8d, inferior £1 15s, choice Mudgee £3 5s, prime £3 ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran, 7½d to 8d; pollard, 9½d to 10d bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Hunter River: Nominal. Redfern: £4 10s. Tasmanian: Nominal.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Cape, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; English 2s 3d to 2s 4d bus.

Maize.—River: Old best yellow 2s 6d, weevily from 2s 4d. South Coast: 2s 7d to 2s 8d. Victorian: 2s 6d, white 2s 7d. Queensland: 2s 5d bushel.

Oats.—Algerian: Prime, 1s 10d to 1s 11d, medium 1s 9½d. Tasmanian: Choice white 2s 7d to 2s 9d, local 2s 6d bus.

Peas.—Grey, nominal; blue, 4s 6d to 4s 9d bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior and pinched 2s 4d, medium 2s 6d to 2s 8d, and prime 2s 9d to 2s 11½d, second milling 3s to 3s 3½d bus.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Victorian: Globes £12, inferior £10 ton.

Honey.—Choice 2½d, prime 2d to 2½d, good 1½d lb, for tins containing 60lb.

Lard.—Bulk 3½d to 3½d, bladders 4½d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1d, light 1s 2d lb.

REDFERN SALES.

Sixty-three truckloads of produce were offered for sale at the Redfern yards this morning. Except for wheat and oats buyers operated very sparingly, and prices ruled weaker apart from these commodities. More than half the consignments of chaff were passed in unsold, auctioneers during the sale refusing to accept the reduced offers of buyers. Many sales were, however, effected by private treaty at the lower rates. Prime chaff sold at from 3s 5d to 3s 9d, and medium at from 2s 10d to 3s 3d per cwt. Prime Northern lucerne in large bales realised 2s 10d, medium 2s 8d, and an inferior grassy make 1s 9d per cwt. Three trucks of oaten hay remained unsold, as also did derrick straw, and prime milling grain was disposed of at 3s 4½d, prime chickwheat 2s 11½d, and medium 2s 7½d per bushel. About 180 bags of prime Queensland maize were cleared at 2s 5d, while Tumut grain was passed in unsold. Prime white feed oats were sold at 2s 6d, while Algerians brought 1s 10d and 1s 11½d per bushel. A private sale of choice Algerians was advised at the high figure of 2s 3d per bushel. Barley remained unsold, while a consignment of prime rye corn realised 2s 6d per bushel. Potatoes brought £4 6d per cwt, and melons sold at from 1s 2d to 2s 9d per dozen.

Among the consignees were Messrs. Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, J. W. Gray and Co., Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, H. H. Sutton and Co., J. Bridge and Co., Dalton Bros., Denham Bros., R. Hall and Son, Walker and Oxby, Prescott, Ltd., Dalgety and Co., and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

The produce forward consisted of 63 trucks, in the following proportions:—Chaff, 30 trucks; lucerne, 8; oaten-hay, 3; straw, 2; wheat, 4; maize, 7; oats, 4; barley, 1; rye corn, 1; potatoes, 1; and melons, 2.

Consignments were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Scott, Terrible Vale, (11990) passed, (8091) passed, (2418) passed; P. J. Murrumbidgerie, (11723) passed; W. Kennedy, Gunrie, (4776) 3s 11d; Logan, Derrain, (3950) 3s 8d, (572) passed; W. L. Beeling, Old Junee, (1489) 3s 3d, (5457) 3s 10d, (9106) 2s 10d; C. McNamara, Baan Baa, (11533) passed; Brunskill, Harefield, (7206) passed; J. O'Malley, Blayney, (435) passed, (790) passed; Christian, Raglan, (11834) passed; Ellis and Co., Kelso, (11875) passed; Jas. M'Intyre, Bomen, (5528) passed; J. Kelly, Ganmain, (97) 3s 9d, (4324) 3s 9d, (9181) 3s 9d; W. Brill, (6730) passed, (3974) passed, (4448) passed; A. Brunskill, Wagga, (6657) passed; J. Logan, Coolamon, (3692) passed; Veitch, (3758) 3s 5d, (4066) 3s 5d cwt; Stevenson, (6917) passed; Bowston, Grong, (4327) passed; H. Ison, Dubbo, (13659) passed.

Lucerne.—From H. Horan, Richmond, (1380) 2s 8d; R. Laidlaw, Moonbi, (4197) 2s 8d; Laidlaw Bros., (6114) 2s 8d; W. Fisher, Narrabri, (6806) 2s 8d; O'Brien, (9856) 2s 10d; R. J. Johnston, (6821) 2s 10d; ex Aberdeen (1124) 1s 9d cwt, (10733) passed.

Oaten Hay.—From Harrison, Bathurst, (2428) passed; M. Toomey, jun., Newbridge, (6834) passed; E. King, (3589) passed.

Derrick Straw.—From Pratley, Kelso, (4492) passed, (11697) passed.

Wheat.—From Warboys and Mead, Cliff's siding, (8804) 3s 4½d; J. Chicken, Burrumbuttock, (12772) passed; Great Western Milling Company, Mudgee, (6300) 3s 7½d; Carroll and Field, Dubbo, (106[illegible]) 3s 11½d bushel.

Maize.—From Wilkinson, Tumut, (2592) passed; Sanderson and Taylour, (3718) passed; Mandilson, (4953) passed; Denham Brothers, Wallangarra, (840) 2s 5d, (3316) 2s 5d, (8472) 2s 5d bushel; R. Hall and Son, (4574) passed.

Oats.—From Ellis and Co., Borenore, (2878), 31 bags branded A.1 2s 6d, 15 bags Algerian passed, 17 B2 passed; ex Corowa, (1552) passed; G. Thompson, Cootamundra, (X222) 1s 10d; John Howliston, Wattamundara, (3585) 1s 10½d bushel.

Barley.—From Foster, Narrandera, (8050) passed.

Rye Corn.—From Denham Brothers, Wallangarra, (748) 2s 6d bushel.

Potatoes.—From C. Farlow, Windsor, (1518), 10 bags 4s 6d cwt.

Watermelons.—From Penrith, (6913), E. Field, 1s 9d and 2s 2d, (4140), R. Rees, 6s 9d and 5s 4d; A. Willett, 2s 8d dozen.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of February 2, 320 sheep vans and 136 cattle trucks, and for the sale of February 6, 8 sheep vans and 53 cattle trucks.

Monday, being observed as Anniversary Day, the usual sale of fat stock will not be held.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

In the Queen Victoria Market on Saturday morning fruits sold as follow:—Almonds 3d to 4d per lb, apples 1s 6d to 5s 6d per case, apricots 3s to 6s ditto; currants, black 3d to 6d per lb; ditto, red 2d to 4d ditto; figs, 2s 6d to 5s per half-case; grapes, 3s to 7s per case; oranges, imported, 18s to 20s per double case; lemons, local, 2s 6d to 4s per case; nectarines, 4s to 6s ditto; peaches, 4s to 8s ditto; pears, culinary 2s to 3s 6d ditto; pears, desert 3s to 6s ditto; plums, 2s to 3s 6d ditto; raspberries, 2½d to 4d per lb; strawberries, 6d to 1s ditto.

NEWCASTLE TRADE REPORT.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday.

Business has been quiet during the week in the dairy produce market. Butter supplies have shown a considerable falling off, and this, together with the fact that there has been animated buying for export purposes, has firmed the market. An advance of ½d per lb was decided on early in the week. Good orders have been received for export purposes at the new price. Cheese has been dull of sale, and whilst there is no quotable change to report, the market is decidedly weaker. Bacon sales have been dull, due chiefly to the general depression in the district caused by the strike in the coal trade. Hams have received little attention, and honey continues in heavy supply with a poor demand. Lard has moved out well at last week's quotations. There has been a slight improvement in the quality of the eggs arriving, the weather now being cooler. Agents, however, find it difficult to dispose of case lots unless an absolute guarantee can be given, and, in such cases, high prices are realised. Prices current are:—Butter, bulk, 9½d lb; cheese, New South Wales, 5½d to 6½d; Victorian, 6d to 6½d; Queensland, 5¾d lb; bacon, sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles 7½d, shoulders 5d; hams, 9d to 10d lb; honey, 8s to 10s per 60lb tin; lard, bulk 3½d, prints and bladder 4d lb; eggs, 8d to 1s 3d doz.

In the farm produce market values continue to harden, and stocks are generally light. Prices to-day were:—Prime wheaten Adelaide chaff, £4 5s per ton, with qualities from £4, local chaff £3 15s to £4, for prime quality, inferior from £3 per ton; straw, from £2 5s to £2 10s per ton; lucerne hay in bales, £2 7s 6d to £2 10s per ton, half bales £2 17s 6d, trusses £3 per ton. New season's hay is scarce, and readily sold at £3 per ton in large bales; good whole fowl wheat 2s 3d per bushel, inferior from 2s; prime Victorian maize is in good supply, and meets with ready sale from 2s 10d to 3s per bushel; prime New Zealand B grade oats are quoted at 2s 10d to 2s 11d per bushel; Tasmanian B grade 2s 9d, and Algerian seed 2s 6d per bushel. Onions are in better supply, and are quoted from £12 to £13 per ton. The first of the Tasmanian potatoes came to hand this week, the quality being very good, and were readily sold at from £8 10s to £9 per ton, Victorian from £7 5s to £7 10s, local from £5 to £5 10s. The flour market is unchanged, best brands of city roller being quoted at £8 10s per ton, bran 8d, and pollard 11d per bushel.

WRIGHT, HEATON, and CO., Ltd., sell by auction at Redfern daily, hay, chaff, and other farm produce.—Ad.

A IN CIRCLE BACON, delicious, sugar-cured, a real delicacy. Insist on getting it. Refuse cheap substitutes. All choicest brands Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Lard, etc., stocked. Berrima District Co., Harris-st, Sydney.—Ad.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Broken Hill shares were quiet on the Sydney Stock Exchange on Saturday. Junctions fell away a little during the morning. An early sale was made at 10s 2d, but subsequently the best price procurable was 10s and 9s 10½d. South Blocks, paid, realised 7s, and Block 10 40s 9d. In local gold, Mount David brought 1s 1½d. In copper mines, Girilambone have firmed again, and business was recorded at 1s 11d, terms 2s. In connection with the call of 4d per share made on January 26 a circular has been issued by Mr. G. A. Richards, the manager. It states:—"The success of the present method of treatment is so assured that it is intended to double the output without delay, and the necessary vats and launders are now being erected on the mine. The additional cost is not large, but the increased output necessitates a large current expenditure in the shape of acid, railway carriage, etc., as it is not intended to have another smelting until next month (owing to the great cost of cleaning up and smelting small parcels), by which time it is expected that one furnace will be kept constantly going and regular monthly parcels of refined copper sent to Sydney. Mr. Selwyn Mort reports that everything in connection with operations at the mine is progressing satisfactorily."

Very little was done in Queensland mines, and prices remained quiet. Band of Hope terms brought 5s. Mount Morgan sold at 57s. Western Australian stocks were unaltered.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Girilambone Mining	0 1 7	0 1 9
Queen Bee	0 10 6	0 11 0
TIN.		
Briseis	0 10 6	0 11 0
SILVER.		
British Broken Hill	0 17 0	0 17 9
Do. (privileged)	0 16 0	0 16 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 5 0	2 5 6
Ditto Block 10	—	2 1 0
Ditto (preference)	—	0 14 0
B.H. Junction	0 10 1	0 10 3
B.H. Junction North	0 11 0	—
B.H. North	1 4 9	1 4 10½
B.H. South	2 11 6	2 12 3
B.H. South (contributing)	2 4 6	—
B.H. South Blocks	0 6 10	0 7 2
Ditto (contributing)	0 4 0	—
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 8 9	0 9 3
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	0 0 6	0 1 0
GOLD.		
New South Wales.		
Baker's Creek	—	0 1 6
King's Reef	—	0 0 4
Mount David	0 1 0	0 1 2
Mount Drysdale	—	0 1 4
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 0 7	0 0 11
Woodlark Island	—	0 2 0
Myall and Peak Hill	0 3 0	0 4 0
DREDGING AND SLUICING.		
Araluen Central	0 13 6	0 14 6
Ditto (contributing)	0 12 6	0 12 6
Araluen Proprietary	0 0 6	—
Araluen Valley Consolidated	0 0 6	—
Associated Gold Dredging	0 4 4	—
Buckland River South Extended	—	0 2 0
Federal Centrifugal	—	0 0 6
Jembaicumbene	0 3 0	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	0 3 9	—
Queensland.		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 0 11	0 1 2
Brilliant, Central	0 18 9	—
Brilliant Extended	0 9 7½	0 10 0
Ditto (contributing)	—	0 7 0
Brilliant St. George	1 0 9	—
Ditto (contributing)	0 17 6	—
Mount Morgan	2 17 0	2 17 6
New Irish Girl (contributing)	—	0 0 6
Queen Central	0 5 6	0 6 0
Queen Cross Reef	0 16 6	0 16 8
Ruby	0 4 3	0 4 9
Ditto (contributing)	0 3 1	0 3 2
Victoria Caledonia Block (cont.)	0 1 8	—
Victory	0 2 0	—
Gympie.		
East Oriental and Glanmire (cont.)	0 2 3	0 0 6
North Oriental and Glanmire	—	—
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 5 10	0 6 6
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 2	0 0 3	0 0 6
North Smithfield	0 6 10	0 7 2
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 11 0	0 11 9
South Great Eastern No. 2	1 17 0	—
Western Australia.		
Associated	1 19 0	2 1 3
Chaffer's	0 0 6	—
Great Boulder	1 0 3	1 0 9
Kalgurli (London register)	6 5 0	6 15 0
Kalgurli South (London register)	1 1 0	—
Lake View Consols, L.R., Share Warrants	1 6 0	—
Queen Margaret	0 3 6	0 4 0
Oroya-Brown Hill	3 4 0	—

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Overnight: Broken Hill South Blocks, paid, 7s. On 'Change: Broken Hill Junction, 10s 2d; Mount Morgan, 57s. Later: Mount David, 1s 1½d; Junction, 10s, 9s 10½d; Block 10, 40s 9d, Girilambone, 1s 11d; terms one month, 2s; South, contg, 45s, Band of Hope, one month, 5s; Associated Gold Dredging, 4s 6d.

The Myalls and Peak Hill Gold Mines' last return was 1465 tons milled, resulting in 350oz gold, giving a profit of £36.

The Crowl Creek Company report having smelted 150 tons ore, producing 30 tons matte; roasted 38 tons matte, yielding 17 tons rough copper.

The manager of the Cuprite Tin, Watsonville (Q.), reports 13th:—Mill: Rain fallen; crushed company's stone, two small lots public stone awaiting crushing, and further lots expected when packers available.

The Great Extended Hustler's crushed during the last half-year 2312 tons for 1553oz 6dwt, and (including pyrites) the total yield was 1589oz 6dwt—an average of 13dwt 18gr per load. The receipts from public crushing amounted to £1867 11s 6d, 8287 loads being crushed. The gold was won from the 3060ft and the 2000ft levels. The old eastern reef being operated on in the intermediate workings above 3060ft varies in size from 3in to 8ft, and a winze was recently started on a good shoot of gold below the intermediate level. The 2000ft north level has been driven a total distance of 939ft on the west side of the reef. At the end of the level the manager drove east through the reef, which proved to be 16ft wide. From this formation 529 loads have been crushed for 90oz 5dwt. A start has been made to sink a winze on the west "back" in the end of the level to cut the run of gold that went underfoot further south.

The main reef has been cut at the 200ft level of the Great Fingall Associated mine, Day Dawn. The lode is stated to be 3ft wide, and the stone is showing gold.

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

HILLGROVE, Saturday.

Baker's Creek Gold Mining Company's battery, with 20 head of stampers, crushed full time on mixed ore from Smith's reef, and No. 1 and No. 3 Cross reefs. In the mine the winch is now in position in No. 14 level on Smith's reef. The sinking of this winze to No. 15 level will be re-commenced next week. At No. 16 level good headway is being made in cutting out the chamber. Driving No. 1 reef north at No. 15 level is being continued, as is also the crosscut to Smith's reef. Stoping is being carried on as usual.

At the New Hillgrove Proprietary Mines Limited, work in the mine was resumed on Monday, 23rd instant. The shaft has been sunk 4 feet during the week, making a total of 1135¼ feet. No. 8 level south has been driven 4¼ feet, total 122 feet. Stoping has been carried on at the back of No. 5, 7, and 8 levels. Crushing will be again started on Monday, 30th.

Work at the Cosmopolitan is proceeding satisfactorily. The tunnel line has been thoroughly repaired. New sleepers are being put in, and a new tunnel is being put in at No. 4 level, which is expected to cut the reef at 175 feet. Driving on reef at No. 3 level is being continued, the reef carries good gold. A trial crushing of 10 tons of antimony stone yielded 15oz 5dwt smelted gold. A crushing of rubble is now being put through.

The Australian Mining Gold Recovery Company have a new smoke stack nearly erected, also a shed covering in the new furnaces. A lot of labour is being done on the surface, and extensive preparations are being made to treat slimes, etc.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Saturday.

The North plant ran only 11 shifts last week, treating 1100 tons of crude sulphides for a yield of 228 tons of concentrates, bulking 69 per cent. lead, 19oz silver, and 8 per cent. zinc. Shipments total 203 tons of concentrates to Port Pirie, leaving approximately 274 tons of this produce on hand. The stopes in both sections are looking satisfactory, although the output remains for the time being only sufficient to keep the mill working two shifts each day. Last week's output averaged 19 per cent. lead, 7oz silver, and 14½ per cent. zinc. In the northern section of the 600ft level refilling in the neighbourhood of the winze is close up, and stoping has been resumed on a strong body of the footwall about 20ft from the sill floor. The western crosscut of the northern drive towards the Victoria boundary at the 700ft level has entered the body. So far, over 31ft of ore has been broken, the whole going to the mill for treatment. There is every promise of very large stope at this point. In the southern section stoping at the 700ft level is proceeding to the ninth floor, and last week 200 cubic yards of refilling were distributed through the depleted portions. The winze from this level, which lately made connection with the 800ft workings, has been squared up, and the sinking of a winze further south, which is sunk 55ft, has been resumed.

The adjustments to the additional magnetic zinc separation plant at the Central are being continued. A nest of three Babcock multitubular boilers have arrived, and the erection is proceeding. The rise from the 800ft level of the new main shaft, which was holed through to the section sunk from the 700ft level ground, is now being squared up.

The British plant ran intermittently last week owing to the breakage at the large gates. It treated 1944 tons of crude sulphides, yielding 342 tons of first concentrates, bulking about 62½ per cent. lead, 30½oz silver, and 8 per cent. zinc, also 26 tons of second product, worth 44 per cent. lead, 27oz silver, and 12½ per cent. zinc. Whilst the stonebreaker is under repair the old stone-crackers, which were left standing in case of emergency, have been requisitioned. A section of the retreatment plant, consisting of Wilfley tables and Luhrig vanners, which were housed and working in the outside building near the slime dump, is to be dismantled, and the machines are to be removed to the main mill building, where the floor is being extended for their accommodation. There were no despatches last week. About 700 tons of both products occupy the ore floors. The stopes are well maintaining mill supplies. Last week's mill output averaged 17½ per cent. lead, 11½oz silver, and 15 per cent. zinc, compared with 13½ per cent. lead, 12½ oz silver, and 16 per cent. zinc. The carbonate ore, worth about 45 per cent. lead and of very fair silver value continues to be mined from Howell's 102ft and 100ft levels. The quantity at the present is limited to about 50 tons weekly, although when certain refilling is completed at Blackwood's 50ft level the tonnage should be increased by a considerable amount.

Progressive and exploratory work is at present going on in the British mine workings, and Block 15, all tending to future developments. The most important item, however, is the northern drive from Howell's 800ft level, which is now advanced to 50ft from the plat. This will prospect virgin ground with 200ft of backs, other workings not being lower than the 600ft level. When the drive is in far enough a diamond drill will be used to explore the surrounding country. Exploratory work in the far north section of Block 16 remains confined to sinking a winze from the Marsh shaft at the 200ft level, which carries good ore 30ft, has been sunk.

The Proprietary shipped for the week closed January 25 to Port Pirie 102 tons of oxidised ores, 4758 tons of mill products, including 1768 tons of desulphurised slimes, also 946 tons of zinc concentrates. The saltcake plant housed in the old leeching building continues to accomplish most profitable work, making about 1000 tons of concentrates weekly.

Seven magnetic zinc separators are in position, and are ready for active service on the Junction North, and the remaining machine to complete the eighth is supposed to be on the road to Broken Hill. In the meantime the work of opening out is continuous in the deeper levels, and during the present month 875 tons of sulphides have been beaten out and hauled to the surface, where the dumps contain about 2000 tons. At the 1137ft level, which is the deepest working level in this mine, and perhaps on the Barrier, as the shaft is sunk in a depression below the outcrop body which is split by a band of rhodonite and garnet sandstone, 22ft has been opened north and south, with a forebreast each way, quite 60ft wide, about 40ft of which is good ore. At the 1037ft level the body has been beaten out about 30ft wide north and south, and at the 937ft level there is 25ft of ore exposed north and 12ft wide so far south.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Saturday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—Associated (colonial), b 40s 3d, s 40s 9d; Northern (colonial), b 22s, s 24s 3d; Cumberland, 9s, b 9s, s 9s 1d; Great Boulder, 20s 7½d, b 20s 6d, s 20s 7½d; Golden Pole, b 27s 6d, s 28s; Boulder Perseverance (colonial), b 10s 9d, s 11s; Hainault, b 13s 9d, s 14s 3d; Lake View South, b 27s 6d, s 28s; North Boulder, 2s 1½d, b 2s 1½d, s 2s 2d; Princess Royal, paid, b 14s 10½d, s 15s 1½d; Ditto, contg, b 13s 3d, s 14s 3d; Ditto North, 1s 1d, b 1s 1d, 1s 2d; Central (1s paid), 7s 3d, b 7s 1d, s 7s 4d; Queensland Menzies, 2s 6d, b 2s 6d; South Kalgurli, b 21s, s 23s; Waihi, 1s 11d, 1s 11½d, 1s 11d, b 1s 11d, s 1s 11½d; Victory United, 1s 8d, 1s 6½d, b 1s 6½d, s 1s 7d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 45s, b 44s 9d, s 45s 3d; British (old), 17s 3d, b 17s 1½d; Block 10, b 40s, s 41s; Junction, 9s 11d, 9s 7d, 9s 9d, b 9s 8d, s 9s 9d; North Broken Hill, 25s, b 24s 10½d, s 25s; South, contg, b 44s 6d, s 45s; South Blocks, paid, b 7s, s 7s 1d; ditto contg b 2s 4½d s 2s 5d; Junction North 11s 10½d, 12s, 11s 9d, 11s 10½d, b 8s 8d, s 8s 10d; Paull's Consolidated, £6 15s, £7, b £6 15s, s £7 5s; Wallaroo, 23s 3d, b 23s, s 23s 9d; Stannary Hills, 3s 3d, b 3s 2d, s 3s 3d; ditto, Debentures, b £15, s £16.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

Quotations: New Chillagoe, b 10½d, s 1s 0½d; O.K. Copper, contg., s 120s.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Saturday.

Sales: Clark's Worcester, 9d; Golden Alexandra, 4s; Grand Junction, 2s 2d to 2s 6d; Kelly's Queen Block, 2s 0½d; Mills United, 5s 4d, 5s 3d; Queen Central Blocks, 4d; Ruby United, 2s 1d, 2s 1½d; Victoria and Queen, 2s.

Quotations:—Blue Peter, b 1s 3d, s 1s 8d; Bonnie Dundee, b 11d; Brilliant Central, b 19s, s 20s; Brilliant, s 2s; Brilliant Block, b 8s 10d, s 9s 4d; paid, b 9s 9d, s 10s; Freehold, b 9s, s 10s; Brilliant St. George, b 17s 6d; paid, b 21s; Extended, b 6s 9d, s 7s; paid, b 9s 10d, s 10s 5d; Clark's Worcester, b 8d, s 9½d; paid, b 1s 3d, s 1s 5d; Craven's Caledonia, s 6d; Day Dawn, b 1s 5d, s 2s; Golden Alexandra, b 4s, s 4s 1d; paid, b 5s 6d; Grant and Sunset, b 2d, s 4d; paid, s 7d; Grand Junction, b 2s 6d, s 2s 7d; Imperial, b 6½d, s 7d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 2s 0½d, s 2s 1d; paid, b 2s 10d, s 3s; Kulamadau, b 1s 2d; paid, b 1s 9d, s 2s 3d; London, b 3s 4d, s 3s 5½d; paid, s 4s 8d; Marshall's Queen, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d; Mill's United, b 5s 3d, s 5s 4s; New Queen, b 2s 6d, s 2s 8d; Papuan, b 3s; Phoebe, b 3s 6d, s 3s 8d; paid, b 6s 3d, s 6s 6d; Queen Cross Reef, b 16s 10d, s 9s 11d; Central Block, b 3d, s 4d; Ruby, b 3s 1d, s 3s 3d; Ruby United, b 2s 1½d, s 2s 2d; paid, b 3s 4d; Ruby Macdonald, b 8d, s 9d; Vesuvius, b 1s, s 1s 4d; Victoria and Queen, b 2s 3d, s 2s 4d; Caledonia, b 1s 11d, s 2s 2d; paid, b 2s 6d; Victory, b 2s 2d; Wallis Day Dawn, b 8d, s 8½d; paid, b 1s, s 1s 6d.

GYMPIE, Saturday.

Sales: South Gympie, 11d; Oriental Surprise, 2½d, Oriental Extended, paid, 11d.

Quotations:—Black's New Zealand, paid, b 2½d s 3d; No. 1 North Columbia, new, b 3d, s 4½d; Columbia Extended, b 1d, s 3d; South Gympie, b 11d, s 11½d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, b 9½d, s 1s 2d; No. 2 ditto, b 38s 3d, s 40s; Great Eastern and Oriental, b 3½d, s 6d; Oriental Surprise, b 2½d, s 3d; No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire, b 6s 6d, s 6s 7d; No. 2 ditto, b 3d, s 4d; No. 1 South Oriental, b 1s 6d, s 2s 6d; Oriental Extended, paid, b 11d, s 11½d; Oriental Extended, cont., b 2d, s 3½d; East Oriental and Glanmire, paid, b 2s 11d, s 3s 2d; ditto, contg., b 2s 6d, s 2s 8d; Oriental Consols, contg., b 6d, s 1s 3d; Phoenix Golden Pile, b 8d, s 11d; No. 1 North Phoenix, b 3s 2d, s 4s; No. 1 North Victory, b 1s 6d, s 1s 10d.

LAUNCESTON, Saturday.

Quotations:—Tasmanian, b 17s, s 21s; Volunteer, s 1s; Hercules, b 2s 9d, s 3s 4d; North Mount Farrell, b 3s 2s; Mount Bischoff (ex div), b £41; National Bank, s 97s.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, b 40s, s 41s 6d; Broken Hill, b 45s; ditto Junction, b 9s 6d, s 9s 8d; ditto Junction North, 11s 9d, b 11s 9d, s 11s 10½d; ditto South, b 43s 6d, s 45s; ditto, paid, b 51s 6d, s 52s; New White Leads, b 9d, s 1s; North Broken Hill, 25s 3d, b 25s, s 25s 3d; Sulphide, s 9s 1d.

Copper and gold: Murchison River, b 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s; Mount Lyell, 15s, b 14s 6d, s 15s; ditto Blocks, 1s 8d, 1s 7d, s 1s 7d; New Chillagoe, b 8d; Crowl Creek, s 17s 6d.

Tin: Mount Bischoff, b £41; Briseis, 11s, b 10s 10½d, s 11s; ditto Extended, £19 4s, £19 2s, b £19 1s, s £19 2s; New Brothers' Home, No. 1, 22s 3d, 23s, b 21s 9d, s 22s; Gladstone, £15 15s, b £15 13s, s £15 15s; New England, s £11; Pioneer, s £6 10s.

Victorian Mines: Amalgamated Scots, 5s 8d, 5s 7d, b 5s 7d, s 5s 9d; Birthday, s 27s; Birthday New Find, b 10d, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, s 1s 3d; ditto, Tunnel, b 10s, s 11s; Cassilis, b 27s 6d, s 29s; Homeward Bound, 3s, 3s 6d, b 3s 6d, s 3s 9d; Hunt's Extended, 12s, 12s 6d, b 12s, s 13s; Jubilee, b 39s; Junction Dredging, b 20s; ditto paid, b 20s; King Cassilis, 4s 2d, b 4s 1d, s 4s 2d; Llanberris No. 1, 21s 3d, b 20s 9d, s 21s 6d; Londonderry, b £16; Long Tunnel, £5 12s, £5 8s, £5 9s, b £5 8s, s £5 9s; New Argus, b 45s, s 50s; New Birthday, b 5d, s 9d; New Dempsey, b 16s 3d, s 18s; ditto, paid, b 13s, s 16s; New Hopeful, 11s 3d, b 11s, s 11s 6d; New Loch Fyne, b 5s, s 7s 6d; New Moon, s £7 10s; O'Connor's United, paid, 1s 6d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d; Robbie Burns, 2s 8d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 10d; Sebastopol Plateau, No. 1, s 3s, sale 2s 9d; South New Moon, b £11, s £11 10s; Specimen Hill, b 28s, s 30s; Star of the East, s 6s; Suffolk Tributing, 29s 3d; Unity, s 11s; Victoria Consols, b 30s; West Berry Consols, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d; William's Fancy, b 12s 9d.

Western Australian mines: Associated, b 40s; Bayley's Consols, b 1s 3d; Golden Pole, b 27s; Great Boulder, b 20s 6d; Phillips River, b 20s, s 23s.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

Mining quotations are:—

Associated, £2 1s 4d.

Broken Hill, 44s.

Ivanhoe, £7 15s.

Lake View Consols, 27s 6d.

Mount Lyell, 14s.

Great Fingall, £7 18s 9d.

Briseis, 10s 6d.

The following were amongst the quotations for Australian shares on the London Stock Exchange on Friday:—Cosmopolitan, 4s 9d (b); South Kalgurli, £1 1s 3d (b); North White Feather, 4s 6d (s); Associated, 40s 6d (m); Great Fingalls, £7 19s, ex div (m); Great Boulder, 21s (m).

GOLD YIELDS.

South Glanmire and Monkland obtained 280oz amalgam and 2 boxes specimens.

Long Tunnel Extended crushed 280 tons for 240oz.

Specimen Hill obtained 20½oz from 80 tons.

North New Moon crushed 164 tons for 64oz.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates mentioned. The letter "C" denotes the day on which the transfer books close:—

Broken Hill South, 2s, February 20, C February 3.

Broken Hill Proprietary, 1s 6d, February 15, C February 1.

Llanberris, 6d, February 3, C January 26.

Woah Hawp, No. 1, 6d, February 3, C January 21.

Associated Gold Dredging, 3d, January 21.

Turon River Dredging, 6d, January 31, C January 26.

Golden Pole, 6d, February 10, C February 6.

Hanlon Consols (final), 1d, now payable.

Queen Cross Reef, 1s, February 14, C February 7.

Brilliant Central, 6d, February 14, C February 7.

Perseverance Gold Dredging, 1s, January 31.

Junction Dredging, 6d, January 31.

Mount Bischoff, 7s 6d, January 28.

Coronation Syndicate, 1s, January 31, C 30th.

Eaglehawk, 6d, February 1.

Diamond Gully, 2s, February 1.

Hetton Coal, 6 per cent. now payable.

Newcastle Wallsend Coal, 10s now payable.

DREDGING RETURNS.

Araluen Central No. 1 dredge, 53oz 5dwt, for 132 hours.

Araluen Central No. 2 dredge, 40oz 16dwt, for 110 hours.

Jembaicumbene Middle Ground, 28oz gold, for 124 hours.

Buckland River, 29oz, for 12 hours.

Buckland River South Extended, 16oz, for 130 hours.

REPORTS.

The mine manager of Mount David reports for the week ended the 21st inst.:—Open cut: Have completed reducing plant, and will commence reducing operations to-morrow. 100ft level: Stopes north-west of No. 1 air shaft, hanging wall lode now 10ft wide. Stopes north-west of pump shaft, stone 3ft thick. No. 2 north-east crosscut: Have timbered 25ft, and have broken through to the hanging-wall stopes north-west of old Monkey winze, stone 2ft thick; am now getting ready for stoping same. 150ft level: Main south-east drive, stone 18in thick, occasionally showing coarse gold, though stone with no visible gold gives highly payable results. Rise extended 2ft. No. 3 intermediate level: Stopes north-west of No. 5 level—Stopes north-west of No. 5 winze, stone 3ft thick. Pattery and cyanide plants running.

The Queen Bee Copper-mining Company report for the fortnight ended January 14, as follows:—150ft level: Stoping carried on north over back of level; ore broken composed of grey ore and carbonates of good quality; passes being raised up, and shooting down sides to fill up stopes; also stoped south, and broken through to old shaft; ore broken of fair quality. 250ft level: Completed filling of western side of level; put in four sets of timbers, and filled in around same with mullock from eastern side, also fixed shoot pass; stoping north over back of level; ore broken of fair quality, and composed of black and yellow ore. No. 1 south stope breaking fair grade black and yellow ore full width of workings. No. 2 winze sunk 20ft, total 30ft; ore body full size of winze, and composed of black and yellow ore of good quality. Main shaft sunk 9ft, total depth 95ft from 250ft level; ground tight for sinking.

Victory (Charters Towers) Gold-mining Company reports for the fortnight ended January 14 as follows:—No. 4 shaft, 870ft formation: Stopes on west side of winze below No. 1 east level 6 to 20 inches good stone. Stope on west side of rise over No. 2 level 2ft; quality improving. 725ft formation: No. 1 level driven west 28ft; carried bunches of good mineralised stone up to 20in in thickness. Small vein about 2in in width now in face. Have fixed reversible guides at opening in shaft; laid road from shaft to level. Everything in good order for pushing work on this formation. Raised 55 tons. Phoebe shaft: Drive from bottom of underlie advanced 9ft. Reef 2 to 8 inches, quality fair. Reef in stopes averages 6in, quality good. Raised about 8 tons.

Crowl Creek Company (Shuttleton) report:—270ft level: Winze sunk 4ft, total 45ft; ore 2ft wide on bottom. 330ft level: Stope sent 61 trucks ore to mill. South shaft sunk 6ft, total 18ft; ground hard quartzite at present. 420ft level: Stope sent 128 trucks ore to mill. Timbered 11ft; total, 86ft. West crosscut extended 16ft, total 140ft; face in slate.

Stannary Hills reports for the week ended January 21:—Ivanhoe 850ft level driven 21ft, total 48ft. Ivanhoe No. 2 driven north-west on the vein 35ft; sunk winze at this point 5ft; the width of the ore is 4ft, value 6 per cent.; improving underfoot. Extended: Ore in south drive getting poor; restarted driving north in ore going 3 per cent; stopes at 180ft level still continue good, 5 per cent. Eclipse: Driven south at 100ft level 6ft. Kitchener: Drive at tunnel level extended 11ft, lode formation much disturbed.

The Mount Pleasant Gold-mining Company report for the week ended January 21.—Main shaft, 270ft level: West drive extended 7ft, total 44ft; vein 9in; ground continues favourable, and value of vein shows an improvement; good flow of water making from face. West stopes: No. 6, vein small; No. 7, vein very broken; No. 8, just on the new make of stone, size 8in, worth 20dwt. West rise: Put up 6ft, total 56ft; vein 12in, payable stone. East stopes from rise: No. 7 stope, vein 8in of payable ore. 270ft east drive: Crosscut driven 4ft, ground very hard, with a lot of quartz veins through the country. There are 38 tons of ore in paddock.

Queen Margaret Mine, January 14. 600ft level—North rise up 23¼ft. Main level in 17ft. South winze down 20ft, South Gippsland, 400ft level: Commenced north drive from winze, now in 11ft, lode 15in, of fair quality. Air winch and haulage gearing completed. Reef in stopes varies in size from 12 to 86 inches.

The Crowl Creek Company (Shuttleton) report under date January 21:—270ft level: Winze sunk 4ft, total 49ft, ore 2ft wide on bottom. 330ft level: Winze: Started this 62ft south from west crosscut to connect with 430ft stope; sunk 3ft on lode of ore 2ft wide. 430ft level, west crosscut: Extended 17ft, total 159ft; is now under shaft, and will start to rise. South shaft: Sunk 2ft and cut hitch for timber. West crosscut, north: Started this at end of north drive, driven 7ft; ground is carrying copper and iron pyrites. Stope: Broke and sent 224 trucks ore to mill; stone looks splendid in the back, and ore broken for week has been highest average for past 12 months.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SUMMER HILL.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the completion of St. Andrew's Church, Summer Hill, was performed by the Archbishop of Sydney on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large number of Ashfield and Summer Hill residents. Amongst those present were Mr. Justice Pring, the Ven. Archdeacon Langley, the Rev. J. Auld, M.A. (representing the protestant churches of the district), Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., Alderman A. W. Miller (Mayor of Ashfield), and many members of the Anglican clergy.

The prescribed service for such ceremonies was conducted by the Archbishop, who was presented with a backwood mallet and silver trowel by the builder, Mr. W. P. Noller. In a cavity of the stone a scroll was placed giving historical data regarding the church. Amongst other matters it recorded the facts that the parish was formed and the present incumbent Canon Vaughan licensed in 1881, Bishop Barker being at that time the metropolitan and primate. The foundation of the school-church was laid by Mrs. Frederick Barker on February 12, 1881, and the late Dean Cowper preached the opening sermon in it on May 7, 1881.

The extension of the church will not only provide for a large additional space for worshippers, but will also furnish a tower 152ft high. The cost of the work is to be between £6000 and £7000, and of this sum £3000 has already been subscribed.

Addresses were delivered by the Archbishop, the rector (the Rev. Canon Vaughan), Mr. Justice Pring, the Rev. J. Auld, M.A., Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., and the Mayor of Ashfield. Reference was made by Mr. Justice Pring to the fact that the first service in the parish was held in the local Oddfellows' Hall 24 years ago, and that the district had made wonderful progress. A debt of £1600 existing on the church was wiped out in four weeks. Reference to the work of the late Sir Alexander Stuart and Messrs. Hugh Robison, Thomas Fisher, and Bishop Barker, in connection with the parish, was also made.

TROUBLE IN THE BOOT TRADE.

DISREGARDING THE ARBITRATION ACT.

Mr. J. D. Alderson, secretary to the Boot Manufacturers' Association, in the course of a conversation with a "Herald" representative on Saturday afternoon, said that as an evidence that the Arbitration Act had not put an end to strikes, still another, on a small scale, had taken place during the week at Mr. S. Proops' boot factory in Liverpool-street. The men who were receiving the minimum wage refused to take out work. It seemed that a dozen of "nines"—large sized boots—were offered to one of the makers, and he refused to take them. The second man to whom they were offered also refused, and so on with the balance, the employer being informed that the next man up for work would accept them. As the dinner hour was at hand none put in an appearance, nor did anyone ask for them during the afternoon. The next morning the factory was opened as usual, and the men were at their posts. The first three men again refused to take the boots, and the fourth said he would take them later on, but did not do so. The consequence was that the factory was laid up for three days, and it was not until Friday morning that the men undertook to do the work required. Whether, remarked Mr. Alderson, any further steps regarding the matter will be taken has not been decided by the employer.

PROPERTY SALES.

Batt, Rodd, and Purves, Ltd., report having sold, on the ground, at Wentworth Falls, on Saturday afternoon last, eight allotments of the Lake View Estate, at prices ranging from 4s 6d to 14s 6d per foot.

Messrs. Hugh Duff and Co. report having sold, on the ground, on Saturday, several lots of the Woy Woy Bay Estate, Woy Woy, prices ranging from £42 10s to £48 per block.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RAINE and HORNE.—On the Ground, Oatley, at 2, Oatley Bay Subdivision.

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REFORM AND RETRENCHMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In Saturday's issue you published another of those letters which a certain section of the public seems to delight in writing, and in common justice to the service I trust you will publish the following short reply. Your correspondent says:—"In the Civil Service many could be dispensed with, and a substantial reduction in the salaries of the remainder could be effected without in the least impairing the efficiency of the service. At present all departments are overmanned and overpaid." Thus generalises Mr. Barnett, without adducing one single fact in support of such a—to put it mildly—ludicrous misstatement. Incidentally, his ipse dixit is a libel upon the Public Service Commissioners, who are each paid £1000 a year, especially to see that the service is neither overmanned nor overpaid.

If the revenue be insufficient to meet the justifiable expenditure then increase the former until it is sufficient. But let Mr. Barnett, equally with the rest of the inhabitants of this State, bear the burden, and not thus selfishly endeavour to place the whole of it upon the shoulders of one particular class. A weight that would be intolerable for a few to bear is easily borne when divided amongst the many. Surely, while reducing unnecessary expenditure in every possible direction the most equitable way to make both ends meet would be to increase the income tax, by which course Civil servants would pay their just proportion of the shortage. I am, etc.,

RUS IN URBE.

PUPIL TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I note that "Magister" has entered a protest against the unfair manner of the setting of pupil teachers' mathematical papers. Allow me to further protest that all teachers' mathematical papers are unfair, especially the geometry. The Department of Public Instruction recommended three books on this subject, any one of which a teacher may study from; yet if he does not happen to be lucky enough or know sufficient of the inner workings of the setting of examination papers to choose the one from which to study he finds on receiving the paper on this subject at his examination that nearly all of his study is so much wasted effort, since he is called upon in a large number of questions to prove principles and understand terms to be found only in the one text. Consequently he gets a bad mark or fails in this subject.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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McGOVERN.—The Friends of the late Mr. PATRICK McGOVERN (late of Forbes) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from St. Vincent's Hospice, Darlinghurst, THIS MONDAY, at 8.30 a.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Mortuary Station.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director,
Newtown, Balmain, Mosman, Redfern, W'lahra, etc.

GRANT.—The Friends of Mr. ALEXANDER GRANT are respectfully informed that the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Lily, will move from his residence, 42 Duxford-street, Paddington, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 8.45, for Waverley Cemetery. By request, no flowers.
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DANIEL.—The Friends of Mrs. E. DANIEL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved SON, Arthur J. C.; to move from her residence, 150 Hargrave-street, Paddington, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-street; and 51 Darlinghurst-road. T., 875.

LOYAL ROSE OF DENMARK, M.U.I.O.O.F.—The Officers and Brethren are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of Brother ARTHUR DANIEL; to leave his residence, 150 Hargrave-street, Paddington, THIS MONDAY, at 9 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery.
J. E. Fazackerley, N.G.; J. Foulds, Sec.

KREUTZBERG.—The Funeral of the late ROLAND STANLEY KREUTZBERG will leave 11 Hill-street, North Sydney, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 10.15, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors,
N. Sydney Branch, 183 Alfred-street.

MANSELL.—The Friends of the late Mrs. MANSELL are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, St. Elmo, Fairfield, THIS MONDAY, at quarter to 1 o'clock, for Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.
WILLIAM METCALFE and CO.
Tel., 99 Parramatta.

RULE.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. MARY RULE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from 99 Cumberland-street, City, THIS (Monday), at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-street; and 113 Miller-st, N. Syd. T., 875.

RULE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS RULE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Mary Rule; to move from 99 Cumberland-street, THIS MONDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

RULE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM RULE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Mary Rule; to move from his residence, 99 Cumberland-street, THIS MONDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

RULE.—The Friends of MARY GERTRUDE, GEORGE FRANCIS, and MARTHA LINDON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved GRANDMOTHER, Mrs. Mary Rule; to move from 99 Cumberland-street, THIS MONDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

MONTEITH.—The Friends of the late Mr. ANDREW MONTEITH are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, 74 Camden-street, Newtown, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for St. Peters station, and thence to Woronora Presbyterian Cemetery, Sutherland.
WOOD and COMPANY,
Tel., 726 Funeral Directors, Syd. and Suburbs.

MONTEITH.—The Friends of Mrs. ANDREW MONTEITH and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, which will move from his late residence, No. 74 Camden-st, Newtown, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for St. Peters station.

MONTEITH.—The Friends of Mrs. ANDREW MONTEITH, Sen., and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SON and their BROTHER, Andrew, which will move from his late residence, No. 74 Camden-st, Newtown, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for St. Peters stn.

MONTEITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS SHAW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Andrew Monteith, which will move from his late residence, No. 74 Camden-st, Newtown, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for St. Peters station.

MONTEITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs G. R. MILLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Andrew Monteith, which will move from his late residence, No. 74 Camden-street, Newtown, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for St. Peters station.

MONTEITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES OPPERMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Andrew Monteith, which will move from his late residence, No. 74 Camden-street, Newtown, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for St. Peters station.

HOPPER.—The remains of Mrs. HENRY WILLIAM HOPPER, Sen., will leave 169 Ernest-street, North Sydney, THIS DAY, at 1.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

GLOVER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD GLOVER, and Mr. HERBERT GLOVER, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved MOTHER, Sarah Jane; to move from her late residence, 79 Catherine-street, Leichhardt, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Petersham Station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
CROCKETT and COMPANY, Undertakers, Leichhardt.

TURNER.—The Friends of Mr. ALFRED TURNER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly-loved MOTHER, Maria; to move from her late residence, 683 Darling-street, Rozelle, THIS MONDAY, at 2 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director,
Newtown, Balmain, Mosman, Redfern, W'lahra, etc.

DANIELS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. GROVER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Margaret Daniels; to move from Judd-street, Rockdale, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland R.C. Cemetery, by 2.10 p.m. train from Sydney. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertakers, Rockdale, opposite station, and 765 George-street, city.

ELLIOTT.—The Funeral of the late Mr. GEORGE ELLIOTT will leave the Mortuary station, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at a quarter-past 2 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. By request, no flowers.
C. FIELD and SON, Undertakers,
58 Botany-road, Alexandria.

MOCKLER.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARGARET MOCKLER will take place THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. Friends wishing to attend please catch 2.23 p.m. Funeral train from Mortuary station. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, 185 George-street West.

PETERS.—The Friends of the deceased Miss ADA PETERS are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her residence, 90 Harrington-street, City, THIS MONDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, and 113 Millers-treet, N.S. T., 875.

THE Friends of Messrs. JAMES, THOMAS, and HARRY PETERS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER; to leave her late residence, 90 Harrington-street, for the Waverley Cemetery, at 2 o'clock.

ALLERTON.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN ALLERTON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, M'Intosh-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Botany Cemetery.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

ALLERTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. ALLERTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. John Allerton, which will leave his late residence, M'Intosh-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Botany Cemetery.

ALLERTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. COGHLAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Mr. John Allerton, which will leave his late residence, M'Intosh-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Botany Cemetery.

ALLERTON.—The Friends of Messrs. WILLIAM and CLIFFORD COGHLAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved GRANDFATHER, Mr. John Allerton, which will leave his late residence, M'Intosh-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Botany Cemetery.

BAKER.—The Friends of the late Rev. WILLIAM BAKER are invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Military-road, Guildford, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. R. METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta. Telephone, 96 Parramatta.

GREEN.—The Friends of Mr. F. GREEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved SON, Reginald John; to leave 17 Great Thorn-street, Paddington, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
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ABEL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. ABEL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved father, Charles Abel; to move from his late residence, Hunter-street, Parramatta, THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, at half-past 4 o'clock, for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Parramatta.
W. METCALFE and CO.
Tel., 99 Parramatta.

ABEL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN O'NEILL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved father, Charles Abel; to move from his late residence, Hunter-street, Parramatta, THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, at half-past 4 o'clock, for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Parramatta.
W. METCALFE and CO.
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RICE.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ANN EMMA RICE will leave her late residence, Clifton House, Victoria-road, Marrickville, TO-MORROW MORNING, at 8.30, for Newtown Station, thence to Rookwood.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker,
25 Enmore-road, Newtown.

GILCHRIST.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARGARET GILCHRIST, widow of the late Drummond Gilchrist, will leave the residence of her niece (Mrs. E. B. Percy), No. 9 Bank-street, North Sydney, TO-MORROW, Tuesday, at 9.30 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery. Funeral leaves Port Macquarie at 10.15 a.m. CHARLES KINSELA and SONS,
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HERPS.—The Friends of Mr. MATHEW B. HERPS are kindly informed that his Funeral will take place at Berry Hill Cemetery, Hawkesbury River, at 2 p.m. on TUESDAY.
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HICKSON.—The Friends of the late Henry J. H. HICKSON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 to 2, for Petersham Station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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HICKSON.—The Friends of Mrs. ELLEN HICKSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 to 2 o'clock, for Petersham Station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

THE Friends of CHARLES, ALICE, ALFRED, DOLLIE, ROBERT, and NINIA HICKSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, for Petersham station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. REGINALD SINDEL are invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, for Petersham station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST PREDDY (Annandale) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, Henry J. H. Hickson; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mrs. ALICE SMITH and FAMILY (Glebe) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved BROTHER and their UNCLE, Henry J. H. Hickson; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WM. HARDY, of Newtown, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, Henry J. H. Hickson; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

THE Friends of Mr. BENJAMIN HICKSON, of Forest Lodge, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved NEPHEW, Henry J. H. Hickson; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mrs. FOSTER and FAMILY (of Glebe) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, the late Henry J. H. Hickson; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED HICKSON (of Nowra) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER, the late Henry J. H. Hickson; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. LOVETT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, the late Henry J. H. Hickson; to leave his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HICKSON and FAMILY, of Camperdown, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER and UNCLE, the late Henry J. H. Hickson; to leave his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt. TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. Crockett and Co., und., Leichhardt.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mrs. PHOEBE WILLIAMS and FAMILY (of Glebe) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Henry J. H. Hickson; to leave his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. EAGER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, the late Henry J. H. Hickson; to leave his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

HICKSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BUCKLEY and FAMILY (of Surry Hills) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, the late Henry J. H. Hickson; to move from his late residence, 6 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

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HAPPY Moments.—Fast falls the evening tide, O Lord with me abide. Patience.

IF THIS should meet the eye of Frank Black, please come home at once, father seriously ill.—Jack.

INSPECT TENNYSON LAND TO-DAY. Two Salesmen will be there. Rickard's easy terms.

JOHN ANDREWS.—Supposed to be dead; if living, his wife, Rosetta Caroline, seeks information as to his address. REGINALD SULLIVAN, Solicitor, Post Office-chambers, Sydney.

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JOSEPH TUCKER, OF SYDNEY, Esq.
Information wanted as to the whereabouts of the above, who was a friend of JAMES CLUB SMITH, deceased, by H. PEDEN STEEL, Solicitor,
98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

MARY.—Don't forget to call and secure some of the bargains offering at Bookstall Co.'s Sale, 861 George-street. Purses, Cardcases, Stationery, Books, offering at 4s in the pound discount. George.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

BOROUGH OF RANDWICK.
ELECTION OF ALDERMEN AND AUDITORS.
NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC MEETING of the ELECTORS of the above Borough will be held in the Town Hall, Randwick, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of February, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of Nominating and Electing four (4) Aldermen, one for each Ward, and two (2) Auditors, in lieu of those retiring in accordance with the Municipalities Act of 1897, but who are eligible for re-election. Nominations in writing, signed by at least two (2) qualified electors, must be delivered to me (or to the Council Clerk) seven (7) days at least before the said day of nomination. The last day for receiving nominations being 30th January, 1905, up to 12 noon. Nomination forms may be obtained on application to the Council Clerk during office hours.
ALDERMAN GEORGE GALE,
Town Hall, Randwick, Returning Officer.
17th January, 1905.

BOROUGH OF RANDWICK.
EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.
COOGEE WARD.
NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING OF THE ELECTORS of this Borough will be holden at the Town Hall, Avoca-street, Randwick, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of February, 1905, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of Nominating and Electing an ALDERMAN for Coogee Ward to fill the Extraordinary Vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman James William Bundock. Nominations must be in writing, and delivered to me (or to the Council Clerk), seven (7) days at least before the said day of Nomination. The last day for receiving nominations being the 30th instant. Nomination forms may be had on application to the Council Clerk.
ALDERMAN GEORGE GALE,
Returning Officer.
Town Hall, Randwick, 23rd January, 1905.

BOROUGH OF REDFERN.
To the Ratepayers of
SURRY HILLS WARD.
Alderman HENRY VERNON is a Candidate for Re-election.

OUTER Glebe Ward.—T. H. Adams will speak from cr. Broughton and Cowper sts, Tuesday, at 8 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN.
NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. ROBERT BAIRD has been duly appointed Assistant Inspector of Nuisances and Assistant Sanitary Inspector, under the provisions of the Municipalities Act, 1897, and Public Health Act, 1902, respectively.
JOHN SALMON,
Mayor.
Town Hall, Newtown,
24th January, 1905.

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ELEGANT Pianos, £10, £12, £15, and £18, greatest bargains in Sydney. Gordon's, 40 Flinders-st.

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PIANO Buyers Cautioned.—Gordon's, 40 Flinders-st, employ no agents or canvassers, therefore cheapest.

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PIANOLA, also 2 Royal Piano Players, traveller's samples, less than cost. 45 Hunter-st.

NEW Walnut and Gold Piano, Lipp system, must be cleared, £30. 3 Linden-court, C'reagh-Market sts.

PIANOS, £6, £10 10s, £12; iron frame, equally cheap; cash or terms. 175 Devonshire-st.

FOR SALE, Mignon PIANO, £25 cash, or terms arranged. 113 Alexandria-st, North Sydney.

GENT. in town from country requires second-hand Piano, no dealers. Oats, Commercial Htl., King-st.

PIANO wanted by professional student. Particulars, price, etc., to Baton, Herald.

SECOND-HAND Piano wanted, for practice, must be cheap. Maker, price to La Nuit, Herald, King-st.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of PATRICK MILLANE, late of Lake Cowal, Forbes district, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased, intestate.—Notice is hereby given that the Accounts and plan of distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 13th day of March, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Administrator. Dated this 19th day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. C. T. CLIFTON, Proctor, Crookwell. By A. J. M'DONALD, 66 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOSEPH CLEMENTS, late of Birellan, near Bigga, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased, intestate.—Notice is hereby given that the Accounts and plan of distribution in the above estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 13th day of March, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Administrator. Dated this 18th day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. C. T. CLIFTON, Proctor, Crookwell. By A. J. McDONALD, 66 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EMMA ELIZABETH LYON, late of Cootamundra, in State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ADELA ELIZABETH BETTS and FREDERICK ALLEN MORGAN, the Executors therein named. Any person having a claim against the Estate is requested to forward the same at once to, and all Notices may be served at the offices of MORGAN and MORGAN, Proctors for the Executors, Parker-street, Cootamundra. Sydney Agents: SLY and RUSSELL, 369 George-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM ALFRED HAILSTONE, late of Bigga, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DAVID GUILDFORD CLEMENTS and WILLIAM PICKER, the executors in the said Will named. And all Notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, C. G. CLIFTON, Proctor, Crookwell. By his Agent: A. J. M'DONALD, 66 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

THE YERRANDERIE SILVER MINING COMPANY, No Liability.—Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND, the 16th, of Ninepence per share, free of Income Tax, will be payable at the Office of the Company upon all shares on and after 8th February, 1905. Transfer Books will be closed from 3rd to 7th February, inclusive. Notice is hereby given that a CALL (the 8th) of Threepence per Share has been made on the Contributing Shares in this Company, payable at this Office on WEDNESDAY, 8th day of February, 1905. By order of the Board, THOS. MacGREGOR, Manager, Vickery's-chs, 82 Pitt-st, Syd. 25th Jan, 1905.

THE BALLARAT OF N.S. WALES GOLD MINING COMPANY, No Liability, Forest Reefs.—Notice is hereby given that a CALL (the 33rd) of Threepence per Share has this day been made on the Shares in this Company, payable on WEDNESDAY, 8th day of February, 1905. THOS. McGREGOR, Manager.
Vickery's-chambers,
82 Pitt-street, Sydney, 25th January, 1905.

LOST AND FOUND.

HANDSOME Rew.—Lost, yesterday aft., Lavender Bay coat, lady's silver Watch. Counter Clerk, Herld.

LOST, George-st North, Pocket Case, initialled S.A.T. Return address on card within. Reward.

LOST, Pendant, Pin, Coin, gentleman's photo. attached. Finder rewarded at 128 Phillip-st.

LOST, Lady's Gold Watch, Summer Hill, Saturday afternoon. Handsome rew. 118 Norton-st, L'hardt.

LOST, Friday, between William-st and Cricket Ground (by tram), gold Bangle; rwd. 39 Albert-st, Potts P.

LOST, Sat. morn., betw. Botanical Gdns. and Macquarie-st, Gold Brooch; rwd. 99 Darlinghurst-rd.

LOST, Fawn Macintosh COAT, between Rockdale and Sans Souci. Rew. J. F. Hegarty, Rockdale stn.

LOST, CHEQUE, £4 14s 6d, payable Miss Sands. Payment stopped. Reward. 92 Hordern-st, Ntwn.

LOST, gunmetal Watch, silver chain, Abbotsford or boat Hunter's H.; rwd. C. Goodridge, Hunter's H.

LOST, Kelpie Pup, with chain and collar. Rew. C. Wilson, 46 Brighton-st, Petersham.

LOST, Chain Purse, cont. keys. Finder please return keys New Zealand Hotel, Sussex-st.

LOST, valuable Pearl Brooch, Sunday morning, bet. Grosvenor Hotel and Darling Pt. Handsome rewd.

LOST, at Coogee, Tuesday even., Gold Brooch, set 6 diamonds, 20s rew. W. Sands, news agt., Rand.

LOST, Spectacles in case, betw. Woollahra tram and Farmer and Co., city; rew. 150 Queen-st, W'lahra.

LOST, gold-plated chased Chain Bangle, amethyst heart attached, keeps.; rew. 41 Railway-st, Pet.

LOST, Purse, on Sat., night, cont. money and 2 old rings. Rew. 67 M'Arthur-st and Crown-rd, Ultimo.

LOST, 14th inst., in Mosman, Dachshund (male) Puppy. Rew. A. Gazzard, Newsagent, Mosman.

LOST, cr. Clarence and Erskine sts, Bunch of Keys, Sund. morn; rwd. Cosmopolitan Htl., Erskine-st.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, Brown Paper PARCEL, near Challenge Stone, North Sydney, Friday evening. Finder please leave it at SWEET BROS., and oblige.

LOST, on Friday night, between Bondi Junction and Redfern station, cable Bangle, with padlock, engraved "Tup." Reward, Fresh Food and Ice Company's Refreshment Rooms, King-street.

LOST, Saturday, gold Strap BRACELET, between Ashfield, Sargent's, and Cricket Ground. Reward. Miss STEWART, c.o. Merriman and Co., 8 Spring-street, city; cr 23 Chandos-street, Ashfield.

LOST, 6.45, Sunday evening, Manly wharf, Lady's Silver-mounted PURSE, contg. gold, silver, keepsakes, and papers. Mrs. VANDY, New Masonic Hall Hotel, Castlereagh-street. Reward.

LOST, a Bunch of KEYS, in the city. Finder will be suitably rewarded on returning same to the office of this paper.

LOST, between North Sydney and Hunter-street, Pearl and Turquoise Wreath BROOCH, one turquoise missing. Reward.
H. E. FINCKH, Jeweller, 300 George-street.

LOST, the opportunity of a lifetime if you don't call and secure some of the bargains offering at Bookstall Co.'s Sale, 861 George-street. PURSES, CARDCASES, STATIONERY, BOOKS, and hundreds of other lines offering at 4s in the pound discount.

LOST, Saturday afternoon, lady's PURSE, between Castlereagh and Campbell streets, containing money, gold pendant, and chain, and return ticket to Parramatta. Finder keep money, but return other articles. Good reward.
60 Princes-street, Miller's Point.

REWARD £1.—LOST, light Bay MARE, T'F (W sideways) near shoulder. G. Fray, Greenwich.

REWARD.—Lost, 29th, Double B., Dachshund Dog. Detainer pros. Mrs. De Angelis, Pelham-st, Dble. B.

REWARD.—Lost, in train or tram, black velvet spangled Cape. 24 Bayswater-rd, Darlinghurst.

TEN Shillings Reward for the Conviction of Thief who took Ladder from the Empire Hotel.
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£5 worth, 5s deposit, 2s 6d weekly.
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£15 worth, 20s deposit, 5s weekly.
£20 worth, 30s deposit, 6s weekly.
£30 and upwards, terms in proportion.
Bedsteads, 10s to £20; Bedroom Suites, £3 to £50; Drawing and Dining room Suites, 200 to select from; Safes, 7s 6d; Tables, 6s 6d; Washstands, 6s 6d; Chests Drawers, 20s.
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LADY would be pleased to purch. comp. house of Furniture for cash. Lucerne, 172 Windsor-st., Pad.

FURNITURE Bought, all suburbs, value given, cash down. Write A. Bell, 98 Bondi-rd, Waverley.

WANTED, good clean House of FURNITURE, for cash. Traveller, Civic Club, Pitt-st.

MOSMAN is forging ahead. Buy a Shop Site Next Saturday. Lithos. ready. Hardie and Gorman.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

BUSH FIRES' RELIEF.—LORD MAYOR'S FUND.
President:
The Right Honorable the LORD MAYOR (Alderman Allen Taylor).
Vice-President:
GEORGE MAIDEN.
Hon. Treasurers: The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, T. A. DIBBS, J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Alderman THOMAS HUGHES.
Hon. Secretaries: THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk; H. C. BRIERLEY, F.I.A.V.
Applications for Relief must be made through local Committees of the Fund. These consist of his Worship the Mayor, Manager Bank of New South Wales, Manager Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Limited, Police Magistrate, Officer in Charge of Police and Clerk of Petty Sessions in each district affected by the Fires. Report Forms may be obtained, if not already in the hands of such Committees, upon application to the undersigned.
Particulars of applications for Relief should reach the Central Executive not later than 31st instant.
T. H. NESBITT, Town Clerk, } Joint Hon.
H. C. BRIERLEY, F.I.A.V., } Secretaries.
Vickery's-chambers,
82 Pitt-street, Sydney, 11th January, 1905.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given to holders of "A" Fixed Deposit Receipts that in terms of Clause 9 of the Amended Arrangement of May, 1897, it is the intention of the Bank to exercise its right to pay off, at the end of one month from this date, the fifth instalments of the amounts due to such holders, and which instalments are due and payable under the said arrangement on the 1st January, 1906.
This Notice will take effect on and from the 1st March, 1905.
By order of the Board,
FRANCIS ADAMS,
General Manager.
Head Office:
Sydney, 27th January, 1905.

MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA,
GEORGE and WYNYARD STREETS.
LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE ACT, 1902.
NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of one month from this date this Association purposes issuing a Special Policy in lieu of Policy No. 18,240, on the life of JOHN CAVANOUGH, of Mudgee, New South Wales, Miller, which is declared to have been lost or destroyed at Mudgee in or about the month of November, 1898.
By order of the Board.
J. C. REMINGTON,
General Manager.
Sydney, 30th January, 1905.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Limited.
Prepayment on 1st March, 1905, of FIFTH INSTALMENT of "A" Deposits, payable 1st January, 1906.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers for "A" Fixed Deposits will be CLOSED against Transfers from the 14th proximo to 28th same, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board,
FRANCIS ADAMS,
General Manager.
Head Office:
Sydney, 27th January, 1905.

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252 George-street, near Bridge-street, Sydney.

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ERNEST F. COHEN,
Shelley street, Sydney.

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL invites Designs for Trade Union Label, £5 5s awarded successful competitor, competition closes March 1. Particulars may be obtained from J. P. Cochran, Sec., Trades Hall.

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THE GREATEST APPETISER and LIVER TONIC.

SURVEYOR, licensed under R.P. Act, wants EMPLOYMENT. Theodolite, Herald Office.

SUTTON'S Tourist Agency, 108 Pitt-st, opp. G.P.O.—Travellers will save money by calling on us.

FROM Jan. 27, 1905, I, Fred. Green will not be resp. for debts contracted by any person whomsoever.

W. H.—If jewellery not returned by Monday, will inform police.

OERTEL'S Genuine Fruit Juice Syrups, pint bottles; Raspberry, Lime Juice, etc. T., 393 Newtown.

EVERY Man is advised to try my Sac Suits to Measure. 30s. Myerson, 683-5 George-st, Haymarket.

HOTELS.

A.—THE Garden of N.S.W.—Bomaderry, Nowra station.—SNUDDEN'S NEW HOTEL, 53 rooms, oil launch, fishing, shooting, driving; wedding parties specially catered for. Charges from 6s per day.

BEKER'S OLD WHITE HART, first-class Commercial and Family Hotel, facing Parliament House, Melbourne. Terms moderate.
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BLUE MOUNTAINS.—Wntd., plain Furn. Cottage, 2 bedrooms, Wentworth pref. Change, P.O., Balm'n.

BUNDANOON.—Tyler's Royal Hotel, opp. stn., nr. sights, best accom. visitors, g. shoot., mod. terms.

MOSS VALE.—Gd. Accom. on Dairy Farm for visitors, 21s; trains met by appt. Miss Seery, Avoca.

WOLLONGONG.—Illawarra House, private Boarding Establishment, close to beach. Mrs. Taylor.

WOY WOY.—Furn. Cottages, with boat, water frontage, handy station; land or boat. A. Parks.

APARTMENTS BOARD, & RESIDENCE

ABBOTSFORD, 76 Darlinghurst-rd.—Balcony and Single Rooms vacant.

ALPINE HOUSE, 207 Victoria-st, D'hurst.—Front Double Balcony ROOM; others. Tel., 72 Wm.-st.

A SINGLE fur. Room, 4s, side entrance. Apply 63 William-st, near Hyde Park.

AT CLOVELLY, Gratton-st, Woollahra, near Nelson-st.—Superior Board and Residence, healthy pos.

A.—TWO ROOMS to LET, in good loc., trams stop door. Corn. Leichhardt and Macpherson sts, Wav.

A LADY will Let part of 8-rmd. House, unfur., no children. 31 Arundel-terr., Glebe, opp. University.

AT 26 WYNYARD-SQUARE.—Vacancies, visitors or permanents, 21s. Mrs. J. S. Deane.

ARNOTT HOUSE, 50 Margaret-st, Wynyard-square. Telephone, 3705.

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